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Minute 27 — The following proposition in regard to our records is approved and the Clerks are directed to act in accordance therewith beginning with the records for 1923:

"That the Clerks be instructed to record in a suitable record book (either hand or type-written) all action of the Yearly Meetings, including the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee and such other reports as the Clerks may think necessary to make a complete record of the proceedings, and this record shall be the 'official' record of the Yearly Meeting, to be deposited in the vault at Moses Brown School.

The minutes of the Yearly Meeting, including reports, shall be printed in similar form to that now being done and shall be considered as supplemental to the 'official' record in so far as any matter therein contained is additional to that contained in the Clerks' record book, and at least three copies of said printed Minutes shall be attested by the Clerk and deposited in the Yearly Meeting vault at Moses Brown School and bound in volumes at the discretion of the custodian of records."

1935

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England convened in Ocean Park, Maine, in its two hundred seventy-fifth annual session, on Fourth day, the 26th of Sixth Month, 1935, at 9.30 a.m.

2. Sharing in the message from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, as read by the Presiding Clerk, the Meeting settled into communion and worship in the assurance that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Rufus M. Jones reminded us of the two hundred and seventy-five years of the history of this Yearly Meeting, of its early days of daring and zeal when, "as a family of prophets which must spread over all the nations,"[1] some of the early "Publishers of Truth" and our founder, George Fox, came to establish us on the sure foundation of Christ. At the headwaters of the stream stood a Person, our Lord Himself, who revealed the nature of God and the possibilities of man, empowering His followers to transmit God to the hearts of the people down through the years and in this troubled world of today.

3. Our several Quarterly Meetings have named as their representatives to attend this Meeting these Friends:

Rhode Island Willis H. White, Helen T. Gifford, Charles H. White,
Augustus W. Benedict, Mabel McManus, Margaret G. Sisson,
L. Ralston Thomas, Mary Benedict, Archie E. Luther,
Philip C. Gifford, Emily S. White, Edith T. Battey[2], Grace H. White[2].

Salem Blanche R. Howland, A. Edward Kelsey, James A. Coney,
George G. Wolkins, Cecil E. Pearson, Elsie E. Coney,
Lyra T. Wolkins, Ethel S. Austin, Gertrude W. Osborne,
Lydia T. Bacon, E. Florence Bliss, Alfred Osborne,
Marion E. Kelsey[2].
Alternates: A. Ella Clark, Marion E. Kelsey, Gertrude F. Smith.

Sandwich Edward L. Macomber, Annie E. Rose, Rebecca Wild,
Mary E. Howland, Alvano C. Goddard, James Wild,
Alice A. Macomber, Alice C. Gifford, Bertha A. Mostrom.

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[1] Skipton Epistle

[2] Named by representatives. See Minutes 14 and 17.

Falmouth
Mary Paige Ware, Alberta W. Millward, M. Melvin Bailey,
Lindley J. Cook, Eleanor L. Nichols, Clara W. Mumford,
Harriet O. Cox, John C. Gatchell, William Prideaux,
Marian F. Cox, Lettie M. Bailey.
Alternates: Frederick C. Dearborn, Bruce Meserve.

Smithfield
Melita B. Fisher, Robert Wilson, Agnes W. Harrison, Albert E. Todd,
Arthur W. Hawkes, Bertha M. Cole, Hattie L. Estes, Pearl G. Pierrel,
Lucia A. Wheeler.

Vassalboro
Alice W. Jones, Annie M. Priest, Robert E. Owen, George F. Bates,
Elda R. Henderson, Harry W. Austin, Eva Pratt Owen,
Harold N. Tollefson, Malvena Robbins, ✓ Rufus M. Jones ✓

Dover
William T. Hussey, Walter S. Meader, Charles Teague,
Eva N. Kimball, Myron I. Jenness, Lucy H. Meader,
Bertha E. Richardson.
Alternates: Harvey Jones, Edward G. Wood.

Fairfield
Arthur Jones, Alice A. Clough, Georgia L. Williams,
Sophia E. Hawkes, Alton W. Farr, Alice L. Farr. ✓

Parsonsfield
Josephine H. Carr, Emily M. Jones, Marie B. Norton.

Nearly all of the representatives have responded to the rollcall, and suitable excuses have been presented for some who are unavoidably absent. Substitutes named by the representative body were in attendance at the afternoon session, thus completing the entire number authorized, eighty-one in all.

4. We miss the accustomed presence of several of our active workers and associates, and have asked the Presiding Clerk to send a letter of sympathy on our behalf to Annie M. Priest, who is suffering from critical illness. He has also been requested to write to Lucy T. Herbert, Sarah J. Swift, Sarah D. Holmes, John Metcalfe, Linwood W. Jones, expressing our regret at their absence.

Quarterly Meeting appointments

5. Appointments by the Quarterly Meetings to the Nominating and Finance Committees have been read and confirmed. Quarterly Meeting superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, Missions, and Bible Schools have also been named and their appointments agreed to.

✓ Named by representatives. See Minutes 14 and 17.

Information from Quarterly Meetings

6. Items of information in regard to changes in the time or place of holding meetings have come to us from certain of our constituent Quarterly Meetings and appear hereinafter. We are also advised of concerns in regard to continuance of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, on listing of non-resident members, and on the use of the Quaker name and pictures on liquor advertisements. (See pp. 5-6, printed Minutes)

7. Charles E. Hamlen brought greetings and a hearty welcome from the Ocean Park Association, the New England Baptist Conference, and other allied organizations who are our hosts in Ocean Park.

8. A letter has been read from Maud West Kenyon, expressing appreciation of our sympathy extended on the death of her husband, Rev. A. E. Kenyon, who so graciously welcomed us in our earlier years in Ocean Park and impressed us all with his earnest Christian spirit.

Visiting Friends

9. We are grateful for the presence among us at this time of Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have felt drawn to visit us in the love of the Gospel. With minutes of unity and approbation from their meetings are present these Friends:

Gervas A. Carey, a minister, with a minute from University Monthly Meeting, Wichita, Kansas, bearing endorsement of Wichita Quarterly Meeting.

Vercia P. Cox, of Ohio Yearly Meeting, a missionary on furlough from Luho, Ku, China, with a minute from the forty-second semi-annual meeting of Friends in China, held at Luho, Ku, in Fourth Month, 1934.

We also extend a warm welcome to Friends who are attending without formal minutes:

Edith Haviland, an elder of Raisin Monthly Meeting, in Adrian Quarterly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting, with an informal letter of introduction, signed by the clerks of Raisin Monthly Meeting.

Warren Edward Tryon and Helen Ray Tryon, his wife, of Media, Pennsylvania, and Naples, Maine, members of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the

General Conference of Friends, with a letter signed on behalf of their Yearly Meeting by its clerk, Thomas A. Foulke.

With an informal letter of introduction from Walter C. Woodward, general secretary of the Five Years Meeting, S. Emily Parker, secretary of the Young Friends Board of the Five Years Meeting.

We are happy to extend our warm greetings and the hand of Christian fellowship to Alfred Cope Garrett, a minister, and Eleanor Evans Garrett, his wife, of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, with our appreciation of the prospective helpful and inspiring contribution of Alfred Garrett in the Bible Half-hour during our sessions this week.

The spoken welcome from many of our members together with the responses of these visiting Friends have led us to feel that a fresh visitation of the love of God has been again renewed"[1] and that we shall during these coming days "stir up one another in that which is good and to faithfulness in the Truth this day."[2]

Returning Minutes

10. Walter S. Meader and Mary Paige Ware are appointed a committee to prepare returning minutes for visiting Friends.

Records of Permanent Board

11. The clerk of the Permanent Board, Alfred Osborne, has read to this Meeting selected extracts from the records of that body. Its decisions are hereby ratified and confirmed.
(See printed Minutes, pp. 7 to 9)

Recommendations from Quarterly Meetings

12 Recommendations made by Quarterly Meetings have been taken up at this juncture:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting desired action concerning the appearance in liquor advertisements of the Quaker name and fame. The Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of the Liquor Traffic advises that state legislatures are the proper bodies to approach in order to secure action prohibiting the use of all religious denominational names in such connection.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting requests more definite care in listing non-resident members so that local meetings and groups may be aided in keeping in touch with such Friends residing in their limits. The matter is delegated to the Permanent Board for consideration.

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[1] From the "First Publishers of Truth"
[2] George Fox, Letter to Bristol Friends

13. In usual course we have begun our consideration of correspondence from Yearly Meetings and other bodies of Friends. A summary of epistles from the Five Years Meeting fellowship has been read and appreciatively received, with its joint message of hope for the present and future of our beloved Society in service for our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. The letter from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, Race Street, has been read in full as a representative communication from the six Yearly Meetings of General Conference affiliation, which have sent suggestions and appeal for a renewing of spirit and a renewing of unity. "Come, let us return to the Lord: He will heal us; He will bind us up." From Japan Yearly Meeting of Friends we have had read in our hearing a stimulating message reminding us that the only way to "create a new co-operative society is through spiritual forces which alone can turn swords into pruning hooks".

Representatives to nominate Clerks

14. We request the representatives to confer at the rise of this session and to send in this afternoon nominations for clerks. The representatives may also fill vacancies occurring in their respective delegations and on the Nominating Committee, if it appears to them desirable.

Adjourned to 3.45 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Convened at the appointed hour.

15. Guiding our corporate thought into fruitful meditation during the opening moments of worship, the words of the London Epistle reminded us that "thought, emotion, and will must alike be brought into the school of obedience", if the "springs of action" are not to be "blocked". "We must cast away everything that hinders the vision of Christ, who is the will of God on earth."... "As we surrender our lives without reserve, we come to know the power of God renewing our minds, and the wisdom of God revealing His way."

Warren E. Tryon emphasized the unchristian economic conditions that exist which hinder our efforts to establish righteousness in our own and other countries, urging especial attention to the evils of gambling.

16. Charles H. White brought in from the representative body nominations
Clerks named for clerks, which have met with approval and the appointments
are duly confirmed for one year.
Presiding Clerk, Lindley M. Binford
Recording Clerk, Lyra T. Wolkins
Reading Clerks: Arthur Jones, Marion E. Kelsey

17. A list of substitutions in Quarterly Meeting representation
Substitutions on representative body has been presented by the representatives. These have been approved
and the vacancies filled.

18. The Correspondence Committee asked whether it is the
Epistle to be prepared continuing concern of the Yearly Meeting to send out a general
epistle as in years past. Discussion ensued, revealing considerable
interest in the custom of exchange of epistles, and the Meeting
directed the Committee to use its united discretion in the matter.

19. During the twelve months passed, we have been called upon
to part with many beloved friends and co-workers, ministers
Deceased Friends and elders held in highest esteem, who have given long years
of devoted service to the church, some in advanced age, others
in the fullness of middle years, some who have served on Yearly
Meeting committees, others earnest and loyal workers in local
meetings, in home, school, and community.

Memorials read There have been read suitable memorials to J. Warren Hawkes, a
minister, George R. Wood, an elder, and Anna J. Goddard, an elder.
We mourn also, among others, the loss of Adda M. Trout, a minister,
Grace H. Luther, a minister, Anna W. Paige, an elder, Edmund Wood,
Charles C. Jones, Mary A. Gove, Harvey Mosher, Susie M. Goddard,
Annie D. Cornell, and Ruth A. Austin, an elder.

With Gladstone may we pray that God will vouchsafe to
our dear departed "light and rest, peace and refreshment, joy
and consolation in Paradise, in the companionship of saints, in
the presence of Christ, in the ample folds of His great love", uniting
in the petition that "each life may unfold itself in His sight and
find a sweet employment in the spacious fields of eternity."

20. Reports of the distribution of The American Friend have been received and
H. H. Mosher Fund Income accepted from the Committee on Disbursement of Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund.
(see p. 11, printed Minutes)

Woman's Missionary Society

21. The Woman's Missionary Society has sent in an account of the missionary work under its care. (See p. 12, printed Minutes)

Missionary Committee

22. Our thoughts were further directed to the world field as we listened to the annual statement from our Missionary Committee, accompanied by a letter from Khalil Totah.
(See pp. 13-14, printed Minutes)

American Friends Mission Board report discussed by Charles M. Woodman

23 Charles M. Woodman and Caroline R. Woodman were welcomed to our fellowship, and we listened with appreciation to (Charles M. Woodman an account by) of the work of the American Friends Board of Missions, as he elucidated the annual report of that body and told of the appointment as administrative secretary of Merle L. Davis, former principal of the Friends School in Oriente Province, Cuba.

In "Forerunners of a New Age", Basil Mathews admirably points out what should be the present-day attitude of the church toward the world field. "The call upon the new churches in a swiftly changing world is to integrate the Gospel into all life, to undertake the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ to each individual soul; to live the Gospel in terms of healing and of social redemption and reconstruction; to make real and convincing a Christian citizenship, a Christian patriotism, and a Christian control of economic life; to move the souls of men to reconcile themselves with the living God who is their Father and live internationally and interracially as His family".

Vercia P. Cox address on China

24 The closing time of the afternoon session was acceptably filled by Vercia P. Cox, a missionary of Ohio Yearly Meeting on furlough from Luho, Ku, China. We were thrilled and stirred as she described Chinese customs and manners, the open doors, the marvellous development of the tiny Christian settlement organized only a few decades ago by Ohio Friends. The task of missions in China is only begun. Our Chinese Christians in Luho and Nanking have but one or two generations of Christian training and background. Only one in every thousand in China has yet turned to Christ. The church exists to extend Christ's Kingdom. China welcomes Christ's messengers, if they come in His spirit.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Fifthday morning, Sixth Month 27th. Convened at the appointed hour.

Junior Yearly Mtg. in attendance

25. Attending the devotional service were two groups of youth, the Junior Yearly Meeting occupying one wing of the auditorium, seventy or more in membership, the Young People filling the other wing to the number of sixty-five.

Rufus M. Jones spoke cheering words from the twenty-first chapter of Isaiah. "Watchman, what of the night?" And the answer, "The morning cometh and also the night"—or, "Though the night is not yet over," heralds for us a better world-order with visible signs of promise, inspiring to steady courage and faith.

26. Elizabeth G. Thorne of Skaneateles, New York, is in attendance and has been welcomed at this session.

Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs submits report

27 The annual report of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs has been received and its special features pointed out by Emily Parker, Young Friends Secretary. Young Friends are co-operating with this committee and with the American Friends Service Committee in field projects for rehabilitation of the Indians and in preparing educational and dramatic interpretations for use in local meetings.

A brief report from our representatives on the Indian Affairs committee has been read.

May the "covenant chain of friendship that has bound Friends and Indians together" continue as in the old days "a chain that will never rust nor break, but will remain bright and strong as long as the sun shines in the heavens!" That "we and our people and you and your people and your children and our children may ever continue as they have hitherto been, one Body, one Blood, one Heart."✓

Instructions in regard to delegates to Five Years Meeting

28. The Presiding Clerk brought before the Meeting proposals from the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting regarding the appointment of delegates to attend the Five Years Meeting, with suggestions as to provision for expenses.

This Meeting instructs the Nominating Committee to bring forward names of eight delegates, with names of alternates in addition, eight delegates being our quota, allowing for five at large and one additional delegate for each one thousand members or

✓ see "Friends and the Indians," by Rayner W. Kelsey fraction thereof greater than five hundred. We also direct the Finance Committee to provide ways and means to care for the expenses of the delegation.

Junior Yearly Meeting sends greeting

29. A cheering letter from the Junior Yearly Meeting was brought to us by the hand of two of their members, Virginia R. Borden of Woonsocket, and Charles S. Richards of South China, signed by June Frazer and Christine Wheeler, clerks. We direct the clerks to send a letter from this body to our Junior Friends, and we name Rufus M. Jones, Arthur Sautmier, and Alice W. Jones to convey our appreciative greetings.

Statistical report

30. Proceeding to the usual consideration of State of Society, the Presiding Clerk has submitted the annual statistics from our meetings, reading only certain outstanding items. The total membership is now 3,490, a loss of 48. There have been 68 deaths and 22 have been dropped from membership. Eighteen associates have become active; there are 2,419 resident and 1,071 non-resident members.

Spiritual condition of membership

The Presiding Clerk also read selected paragraphs from Quarterly Meeting reports on the spiritual condition of the membership. One Quarter reports that "there are signs of spiritual progress," another that "signs of real progress are few". From one source "the reports all show a more hopeful and confident spirit than they did last year." "Continued efforts are being made to extend Christ's Kingdom and these are meeting with steady, encouraging, but not spectacular results." Again, "we rejoice in a group of workers whose lives are dedicated to the Christian way of life." "We are glad for the spirit of co-operation that is shown." And a final extract declares, "There is a kindly interest shown in the welfare one of another and an attachment to the work of Friends as a whole."

Report of Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee

31. From the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee there has come to us the following carefully-prepared and thought-compelling report of the year's program. We desire to acknowledge the Meeting's debt of gratitude to the retiring chairman

Harvey Jones resigns chairmanship

of this committee, Harvey Jones, whose faithfulness in every duty and deep devotion to the well-being of the Society of Friends

have greatly helped to keep our Yearly Meeting's evangelistic department on a high level of attainment and purpose.
(see page 17, printed Minutes)

Report of Field Work by James A. Coney, Superintendent

32. In further explanation and appeal, James A. Coney presented his annual report and survey of the field, discussing the necessity for retrenchment and the pity and needlessness of such financial poverty. Evangelism and church extension, with missions, are the raison d'être of the church of Christ, its purpose and aim. Out of evangelism should grow our social service. How can the church witness in the moral questions of the day, relieve unemployment, combat poverty, destroy evils which strike at the roots of individual and national well-being, if we have not a personal and a corporate realization of Christ's power and presence? We must pass out the bread of life to hungry souls and preach in word and work and life the everlasting Gospel of our Lord. Let us together pray for a renewal of faith and courage, for a vision of the mind of the Master, for the empowering of the Holy Spirit. William C. Braithwaite foresaw this when he wrote:✓ "Days of fresh daring and dedication are before us, in which, with Dewsbury, we may glad our hearts in the unlimited power of God; and, with Fox, know all things new ... Then will walls of partition crumble down and no longer hold us from wider fellowships and our rekindled mission .... Our social service will be given alongside the needs of humanity; and we shall think first not of self, nor of our Society but of the Kingdom and its righteousness.... Our Captain will take us through uncharted seas in the service of His Kingdom; but as the Church trusts her helm to Him she will hold a true course and outride every storm."
(see pages 18 to 24, printed Minutes)

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met at the hour appointed.

33. From California Yearly Meeting in session earlier this week has come by air-mail an epistle, bringing a message of optimism and faith for the future. "Hope lies not in traditions but in transformations, not in creeds but in Christ." "A more challenging hour in which to effectively witness for Him and to exemplify His

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✓ "Second Period of Quakerism" pp. 645-6 life has perhaps never been known".

An epistle from the Ninth German Yearly Meeting, held in Bad Pyrmont, Eighth Month 2d to 5th, 1934, was also read, and our hearts impressed with the heroic efforts of these Friends to play their part as "a candle in the darkness." We join with them in their prayers that "one and all may be granted strength in His peace to perform our task of Truth and Peace, and that by our lives and words God's messages may gain force for all who have need of it."

Returning minutes for visiting Friends

34. The committee on returning minutes presented a draft of a letter which is approved. We instruct the Presiding Clerk to sign on our behalf returning documents for Friends who attended with minutes and to prepare individual replies for those who brought personal letters of introduction.

35. Elizabeth L. Hazard, secretary of New York Yearly Meeting, has been welcomed to our sessions.

Committee on Bible Schools and Religious Education

36. Josephine H. Carr, superintendent of Bible Schools, is unable because of a slight accident to present her report in person, and the Bible School record has been read to us by Marion E. Kelsey. (see pages 25-27, printed Minutes)

Miss Gertrude Hartley, an experienced Sunday school worker, editor, and author, in charge of the Baptist Book Room in Ocean Park, came before us with pointed and concise suggestions on "How to Prepare the Lesson". In twelve phrases, she indicated practical methods for teachers in Bible Schools.

37 Discussion ensued on the whole field of church extension, religious education, and evangelistic work. How can we clear our thinking on the fundamental motives with which we work and the objectives we have in view? A joint comprehensive program for all our New England Bible Schools would be helpful, in the opinion of Arthur Sautmier and Alvano C. Goddard. Rufus M. Jones, referring to James Coney's report, assured us that God is not dead and that if we keep straight ahead we shall come through before long to greater vision and strength.

William Prideaux asked us to dwell on the spiritual and hopeful side of the picture given us of the field by the Evangelistic Superintendent and begged that we work and pray and live to the end that our meetings may not languish nor our faithful workers be allowed to suffer or withdraw from activity. Elam Henderson told of localities he could point out where there is no religious teaching or church life whatever.

Oscar Nutter, a former member of Friends, suggested that we may be depending too much upon the Lord instead of going out to secure the finances ourselves. It isn't a question of "if" we secure the money but of "how" and "when". A person-to-person canvass brings us more than letters or abstract methods. Eva Pratt Owen spoke of the tremendous encouragement in what had been accomplished by our ministers and workers in building up our Junior Yearly Meeting and the Young Friends department. Frances E. Wheeler described the newly-organized Bible School in Providence which meets at Lincoln School each Sabbath morning and brings together nearly fifty children and adults. This has grown out of a concern on the part of some Quaker parents that their children have Friendly Bible instruction. There are regularly graded classes for all ages. Harold N. Tollefson told of the Junior program carried out along parallel lines with the adult Yearly Meeting, which is bearing splendid fruit in attendance, interest, and enthusiasm. From a small group of twelve in 1930, it has grown to a registered membership today of seventy-six, fifty-one in Junior "A" group and twenty-five in Junior "B," with prospects of an enlarged enrollment before the end of the week.

Lindley M. Binford, Mary Hill Binford, Alice A. Macomber, Mary Paige Ware, Lelia S. Marstaller, Oscar G. Mostrom concluded the afternoon's consideration of ways of raising funds, the every-member canvass, and the many reasons for the difficulty of raising money. Is it not after all a spiritual problem? If we realized the "hope of His calling", "the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints," would not purse strings be loosed and the Yearly Meeting's evangelistic program be carried through to the glory of His name? The secret is to pray "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; having the eyes of your heart enlightened."

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Sixth day, Sixth Month 28th. Convened according to adjournment.

38. From Rachel Mostrom in Nanking, China, a message of loving greeting opened our morning devotional period, as she expressed her desire that the sessions of this Yearly Meeting might excel all others in an "outreach for human souls" in the home neighborhoods and in more distant lands.

39. Henry J. and Lydia C. Cadbury, Mary R. G. Williams, Naomi B. Kelsey, and Benjamin Bartram Cadbury, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Arch Street, are in acceptable attendance at this session.

40. Epistles from the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity and from the Syria and Palestine Yearly Meeting have been read in our hearing. With our Philadelphia Friends we welcome the "opportunity which our yearly gathering presents for us to open our hearts to one another in the Truth of God", and join with them in the prayer that "we who have received the spiritual refreshment of this gathering... may bear one another's burdens as becometh brethren."
"In devotion to Christ", with our Friends of the Syria and Palestine Yearly Meeting, we "turn our hearts to the Father of all mankind, believing that His spirit still reveals the way, the truth, and the life to those who will to do His will."

Committee
n Community
Welfare and
Suppression
of the Liquor
Traffic

41. Taking up the order of business for the day, the Meeting listened with approbation to the report of the Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, agreeing with them that education and legislation are lines along which our most ardent efforts should now be directed.

(see pages 29-31, printed Minutes)

Committee on Education

42. Entering on the subject of education and our Quaker schools, a financial statement from the Education Committee has been read. We value the work of this committee in extending loans to worthy students. (see page 31, printed Minutes)

Reports of Yearly Meeting Schools — { Moses Brown Lincoln Oak Grove

43. In the absence from today's session of the clerk of the committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School, L. Ralston Thomas, Headmaster, read the annual records of school activities and accomplishments at Moses Brown. The Lincoln School report was presented by Frances E. Wheeler, Headmistress. Robert E. Owen and Eva Pratt Owen, Principals of Oak Grove Seminary, brought us the account of the year's work, which had been prepared by them instead of by Annie M. Priest, secretary of the Board of Managers, whose critical illness has prevented her from active participation in the affairs of the Board. The report was read to the Meeting by Robert E. Owen. Complete financial statements are in hand, suitably audited and confirmed, and summarized accounts have been read in our hearing.

We acknowledge our continuing debt of gratitude to the earnest, capable, and devoted principals of our three schools and consider our Yearly Meeting most favored in having their talents so generously given to the task of administration. We believe that a very high standard of education is being maintained, that due emphasis is laid on the development of the spiritual life, and that physical and recreational training receives careful attention.

To secure scholarships, applications should be entered before the first of Fifth Month. To avoid the exclusion of other worthy applicants, the principals should be notified at once if for any reason it is necessary to withdraw an application after it has been made.

{ see pages 32 to 37 — Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools
and 37 to 40 — Oak Grove Seminary

44. Dr. Charles C. Tillinghast, educator and teacher, principal of the Horace Mann School for Boys, New York City, brought the Meeting a stirring message on "Which Way Education?" He urged us to an understanding of the fact that the greatest contribution of education is made in terms of personal relationships, and

and invited our attention to some trends of education in recent years. There are better trained teachers, teaching today being a recognized profession. Much curriculum revision and investigation are going on, but we must not forget that there are some things in life that are good because they are old and that machinery does not make a school. We are educating also for leisure time, a particularly needful thing in an urban setting. In this we should take care not to regiment out of children their personality. Adult education is being stressed, and rightly so; for all education today is a co-operative venture, and an intelligent family working with a school is the greatest of boons. The mind of the child is not the most important thing in education, but rather the spiritual nature.

45. The Nominating Committee presented nominations which have been confirmed and the Friends appointed to service on the committees indicated.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Seventh day morning, Sixth Month 29th. Convened according to adjournment.

46. The quiet period of worship was concluded by the harmonious strains of the hymn, "God's loving hand doth safely lead," sung by a male quartette, accompanied by 'cello and piano.

47. Ohio Yearly Meeting in its general epistle directed our minds to the value of stewardship in bringing gifts into the storehouse. "The laws of the Kingdom of heaven remain unchanged. Prayer — believing, importunate prayer — we believe to be the key that unlocks the door to the manifold grace of God."

48. Howard Kershner is present with a minute from New York Yearly Meeting of Friends and has been welcomed.

49 An appeal for a contribution to the expenses of a proposed

in re World Conference for 1937

World Conference of Friends to be held in 1937 has been referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Report of Board of Care and Relief

Huntington Home request granted

50. In ever-increasing measure Huntington Home ministers to the needs of aged and infirm Friends in our Yearly Meeting. From the Board of Care and Relief we have received the thirtieth annual report of this valued department. A request for the privilege of applying to hospital care in certain cases of illness some of the Yearly Meeting appropriation for the use of the Home has been granted.
(see pages 41-2, printed Minutes)

S.N.P. Dixon Trust report

51. Walter S. Meader presented the yearly report of the Sarah Nichols Pope Dixon Trust, adding verbal explanations in response to questions. (see pages 42-3, printed Minutes)

52. Because of prospective future residence in Beirut, Syria, Lydia T. Bacon has submitted her resignation from the Permanent Board and from the Board of Care and Relief. We grant her request with thanks for her valued service in these departments as well as on the Committee on Disbursement of the Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund, on which her term of service ends at this time.

Peace & Service Committee requests discharge

53. The Committee on Peace and Service presented a request that the committee as at present constituted be discharged and that the Yearly Meeting representatives on the American Friends Service Committee be made the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee. Discussion followed, in which Willis H. White and others participated. The matter is referred to a committee to be named by the Presiding Clerk.

Report of Board of Auditors of Property of the Yearly Meeting

54. For the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting, Joseph L. Hiller read the annual statement of complete audit of all Yearly Meeting securities and accounts under care of the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds and of the Portland National Bank. The report which appears hereinafter has been accepted and approved. To the members of the Board of Auditors who have attended to the entire audit themselves, is extended our sincere appreciation of the labor involved & the expert care given to this important duty.
(see pages 43-45, printed Minutes)

Report of Treasurer of Yearly Meeting

55. Yearly Meeting finances were further considered at this session, with the reading in detail by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, George G. Wilkins, of the report for the year ending Sixth Month 24th, 1935. Endorsement of auditors is properly attached, revealing meticulous examination of all books, accounts, and vouchers. This complete statement of receipts and disbursements of Yearly Meeting current funds and United Budget moneys was approved and accepted, with expressions of commendation for the continuing skilled service of the Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer ✓
6 Mo. 25, 1934, to 6 Mo. 24, 1935

Receipts

On hand, 6 Mo. 25, 1934:		
Cash, demand deposit (2d Natl. Bank, Boston)	$1,389 08	
Cash, Emergency fund for Ministers & Workers Savings Department, 2d Natl. Bank	101 66	$1,490 74
Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
The Quarterly Meetings	$1,185 52	
Sales of "Discipline"	1 00	$1,186. 52
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1934–35):		
Local Meetings in the Quarterly Meetings	$3,488 66	
Individual subscriptions	2,915 00	
Woman's Missionary Society	560 00	
Committee on Bible Schools	8 06	$6,971 72
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1935–36):		
Local Meetings	$ 246 77	
Individual subscriptions	420 00	$ 666 77
Sundries		
Subscriptions, specially designated		359 63
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:		
Offering, 6 Mo. 28, 1934	$ 45 11	
United Budget, '33-'34 & '34-'35	7,034 70	
Yearly Meeting quota	1,000 00	8,079 81
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee		
Elda Henderson, treasurer	$ 944 30	
Easter Offering, 1935	99 35	
Donation	05	1,043 70
Loan by Board of Managers; Investments & Permanent Funds		1,000 00
Interest credited Savings account, Emergency Fund for Ministers & Workers		2 54
Total receipts		$ 20,801 43

✓ Summarized (For full report, see printed Minutes, pages 46–51)

Treasurer's report (cont.)

Payments

Payments

Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
Expenses, sessions 1934	$ 57 50	
Expenses, visiting ministers, 1934	21 50	
Bible Half-hour, Charles M. Woodman	25 00	
Lindley M. Binford, Presiding Clerk	50 00	
Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk	25 00	
Premium (surety bond for Treasurer) $5,000	12 50	
Printed 4-page calendars, sessions, 1935	17 50	
Printed blanks, reports on spiritual condition	5 50	
Printed "Minutes," 1934, (1500 copies)	468 00	
Additional, sewing binding of "Minutes"	13 00	
Alterations in "Minutes"	31 50	
Special copies, for filing	5 00	
Postage & express on "Minutes"	13 28	
Circulars (1500) & postage for Committee of Arrangements	37 60	
Five Years Meeting assessment to 3 Mo. 31, 1935	157 77	
Interdenominational Commission of Maine	2 00	
Postage on "Discipline" .34 x Federal tax on checks 1.48	1 82	
Board of Care and Relief, Huntington Home	500 00	
Legal services re title to Oak Grove Seminary	91 45	
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee, on deficit	1,000 00	
Expense items Presiding Clerk, 1933 & 1934	14 44	
Postal cards for use of Recording Clerk	5 00	
Account book for use of Treasurer	12 75	
Postage	8 31	
		$2,573 42
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1933-34):		
To Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee, to reduce deficit		2,409 70
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1934-35):		
To Five Years Meeting	$1,491 00	
Expense items, postage &c	8 31	
To Yearly Meeting Committees, designated in Budget	4,000 00	
To Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee, on deficit	1,000 00	
Additional contribution	25 00	
		6,524 31
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1935-36):		
To Five Years Meeting		445 00
Carry forward		$ 11,952 43

Brought forward		$ 11,952 43
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:		
In aid of Meetings	$ 2,985 92	
General superintendent, salary & expenses	2,294 57	
Automobile, insurance & excise tax	49 45	
William J. Kent, work in St. Albans, transmission of grant from Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund.	100 00	
Wayside Pulpit mottoes to China meeting	2 00	
Letter heads	4 50	5,436 44
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee:		
To Calhoun Colored School	$ 132 00	
Christiansburg Industrial Institute	457 00	
Fisk University	165 00	
Piney Woods Country Life School	33 00	
Sparta Agricultural & Industrial Institute	33 00	820 00
Sundry remittances:		
American Friends Service Committee	$ 130 25	
Special Easter offering, 1934	335 73	
Toward salary of Nahmi Shahla	200 00	
Work of Arthur & Ellen Pain in Cuba	1 00	666 98
Loan repaid		1,000 00
Interest on loans, to 6 Mo. 22, 1935		84 30
		$ 19,960 15
On hand, to balance:		
Cash, demand deposit, 2d National Bank, Boston,	$ 737 08	
Cash, Savings Dept., 2d National Bank, Boston, representing Emergency Fund for Ministers & Workers	104 20	841 28
		$ 20,801 43

Submitted,

George G. Wolkins, Treasurer

Examined and found correct, with proper vouchers,

Frederick C. Dearborn, Joseph L. Hiller, Auditors

Special committee per Min. No. 53 — 56. The Presiding Clerk has named the following persons to serve as a committee to attend to the request of the Committee on Peace and Service: Alvano C. Goddard, Helen T. Gifford, George G. Wolkins, Clara W. Mumford, Philip R. Bailey.

Nominations confirmed — 57. Nominations have been sent in by the Nominating Committee for certain further committee appointments, and these are confirmed.

Delegates to Five Years Meeting 58. There have also been presented names of Friends to represent this Yearly Meeting in the Five Years Meeting sessions in Tenth Month. We approve the nominations and appoint these Friends to that service:

Rufus M. Jones, Lindley M. Binford, Lyra T. Wolkins, James A. Coney, L. Ralston Thomas, Frances E. Wheeler, Robert E. Owen, Harold N. Tollefson.

Alternates:

Charles H. White, Harvey Jones, Helen T. Gifford, Mary Paige Ware

Adjourned to this afternoon at 3.30.

Afternoon. Met according to appointment.

59. An epistle from the Szechwan Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, held at Tungliang, West China, Second Month 12th, 1935, has brought us into deep sympathy with our Friends in that troubled area. They are bravely meeting the challenge which has come to them through the growth of the military spirit and the introduction into Union University of military training.

60. A report has been read, prepared by Lindley J. Cook, one of our representatives on the Maine State Council of Religious Education, telling of the prospect of a vigorous ~~campaign~~ program of co-operative religious education.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee 61. Recommendations of the Finance Committee having been submitted, this Meeting adopted them, item by item, and instructed the several Quarterly Meetings to carry out each and every direction contained therein.

Recommendations

1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $1,700 be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses during the year 1935-36, payable half on 11 Mo. 1 and the remainder on 5 Mo. 1, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $2,000 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings.

2. That the Treasurer be authorized to make payments within the following appropriations:

Five Years Meeting assessment for year ending 3 Mo. 31, 1936	$175	
Printing and distribution of Yearly Meeting Minutes	555	
Entertainment of visiting ministers + workers	100	
Expense of holding sessions in Ocean Park, 1935	100	
Carry forward		$930

Brought forward	$ 930
Sundry items of expense incident to sessions Yearly Meeting	200
Arrangement of records in the safe in Providence	50
Minor expenses during the year	150
Board of Care and Relief for Huntington Home	400
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee-deficit	500
Travelling expenses of delegates to Five Years Meeting, 1935	450
	$ 2,680

3. That the following apportionment of the $1,700 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted✓ for the year 1935-6:

	Percentages		
Rhode Island	18	Vassalboro	6
Salem	20	Dover	5
Sandwich	26	Fairfield	11
Falmouth	13	Parsonsfield	2
Smithfield	9		

4. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the Clerks of Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

5. That our local meetings give most serious consideration to the requirements of the United Budget and that determined effort should be made not only to raise the entire amount authorized by the Permanent Board in 2 Mo. last but that remittances be made as nearly as possible in equal monthly instalments. Under Minute No. 30, 1927, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to send each month to the Five Years Meeting one-twelfth of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the United Budget requirement, and all local meetings are urged to co-operate in this respect.

6. That the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to borrow in the name of the Yearly Meeting such sums as may be needed to make possible equal monthly remittances of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the Five Years Meeting through United Budget requirements for the year 1935-36 and to borrow such further sums as may be needed to meet the requirements of the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee.

7. That the Finance Committee be authorized to provide for the auditing of the Treasurer's accounts and that the treasurers of all committees handling funds for the Yearly Meeting be required to have their accounts audited by such persons as shall be designated by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

✓ Percentages were revised in 1930

8. That for the purpose of encouraging greater personal effort in raising money for the needs of the Yearly Meeting the members of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting be directed to interview members of the finance committees of local meetings in their respective Quarterly Meetings, and that they report to the Chairman of the Finance Committee what they shall have been able to accomplish.

9. That from the United Budget account for 1934-35 the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be directed to transfer to the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee account the sum of $1,332.83, in that way decreasing the deficit of the Evangelistic Committee.

10. That the Presiding Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, acting together, be given authority to approve the payment of charges for the entertainment of visiting ministers and others from a distance who attend the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

11. That George G. Wolkins be appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

For the Committee,
Edward L. Macomber, Chairman

George G. Wolkins Treasurer

62. George G. Wolkins is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for one yea

Gervas A. Carey presents concern

63. Introduced by a letter from our Friend, David M, Edwards, President of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, Gervas A. Carey, Dean of the Biblical School, came before the Meeting with a concern for the establishment of a Graduate Biblical School in that institution. This is in pursuance of a plan to make permanent and to extend the scope of the chair of Biblical studies provided for years ago by the personal efforts of William L. Pearson, who collected a considerable sum of money and established a trust fund, which has been held for this purpose. So soon as the necessary legal arrangements can be consummated, the fund thus wisely conserved by the forethought of Dr. Pearson will be applied to this purpose.

Report of Board of Young Friends Activities

64. From the Young Friends Board we have received an account of the year's activities. Our interest is deepened and our courage revived as we have been observing the splendid development and growth of the Junior Yearly Meeting and our young people's department. The prayer of Habakkuk, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known", seems being answered in actual and visible form before our very eyes as we feel the strength and vigor and push of youth leading us onward.

(see pages 55-56, printed Minutes)

Report of
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ommittee

65 The Committee on Peace and Service made the following report:
(see page 56, printed Minutes)

The American Friends Service Committee sent in a copy of their annual report, to which Rufus M. Jones has spoken in detailed explanation of some of the special features of work accomplished and projected. Caleb A. Smith related his experiences in a Reconstruction Camp in the Westmoreland Homesteads, near Greensburg, Pa.

As we have discussed the areas, spiritual, moral, and physical, with which the subject of peace is closely concerned, we are reminded of a Printed Epistle (1804) that draws our "attention to the root of our testimony against War" as "no other than Christian love and that righteousness which produces Peace .... as its natural fruit." We are impressed with the motive and purpose that should underlie all work for social and human betterment, whether in needy distressed regions in this country or across seas, and believe that we should link together our work with worship and our service with communion with Christ, and thus have a practical share in bringing about the Kingdom of God.

"Knowing this, that never yet
Share of Truth was vainly set
In the world's wide fallow;

After hands shall sow the seed,
After hands from hill and mead
Reap the harvests yellow."

New Peace
Committee
organized

66. The following report from the special committee named this morning has been received and read. We accept the report, adopting its recommendations, thus organizing a Peace Committee, and we refer the subject of nominations to the Nominating Committee to report to this evening's session. (see page 57, printed Minutes)

orld Conference
f Friends planned

67. A proposed World Conference of Friends to be held in Ninth Month, 1937, was described by Howard Kershner, who is in attendance at today's sessions with a minute from New York Yearly Meeting.

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ominations

68 Nominations presented at this time have been confirmed.

ames A. Coney
named
Superintendent

69 From the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee has been received the nomination of James A. Coney to the position of Yearly Meeting superintendent, which he has held so acceptably for the past seven years. The Meeting is happy to confirm his appointment to this post of service

Adjourned to 7.00 this evening.
Evening. Met according to adjournment.

Report of Committee on Gospel Service

70. From the Gospel Service Committee we have received the subjoined account of their work: (see page 58, printed minutes)

Nominations Confirmed

71. Nominations have come in from the Nominating Committee for the reorganized Peace Committee and for the Committee to Consult with the Trustees of the Lynn Preparative Meeting Realty Trust. These are confirmed for the respective committees

General epistle adopted and sent out

72. The Correspondence Committee has submitted a draft of an epistle for Ram Allah Monthly Meeting of Friends. This being satisfactory is directed to be signed on our behalf and forwarded to our dear Friends in Ram Allah

A general epistle prepared under direction of this committee has been read. We approve and accept this as our message to organized bodies of Friends everywhere, instructing the Presiding Clerk to sign and despatch it in due course to those with whom we are in the custom of corresponding.

Treasurer directed to execute deed for tract of land in Maine

73. A recommendation received at this time from the Permanent Board has been duly confirmed and the following minute adopted: — The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is hereby specifically authorized to sign and execute on behalf of the Yearly Meeting a deed of the whole tract of land conveyed to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England by Abbie S. Leach by her deed of April 29, 1935, recorded in Kennebec Registry of Deeds, Maine, Vol. 711, Page 57. —

Ocean Park designated for 1936 sessions

74. The place of holding Yearly Meeting was then discussed. Several took part, some favoring an occasional change to Rhode Island or some other southern section in order that all New England Friends might more easily share in the benefits of the sessions. The consensus of opinion was for continuing in Ocean Park another year.

Permanent Board to consider 1937 sessions

We therefore unite in fixing the date for 1936 as Sixth Month 23 to 28, the sessions to be held in Ocean Park, Maine. The Permanent Board is requested to consider the place of holding the sessions in 1937.

75. Rufus M. Jones reported that the representatives named to convey our

greetings to the Junior Yearly Meeting attended and carried our message to the evident satisfaction of the junior Friends.

Junior Epistle Presented by H. N. Tollefson

Thanks tendered to leaders of Juniors & Young People

76. The Junior Superintendent, Harold N. Tollefson, read to us the epistle prepared by the Junior Yearly Meeting. The Meeting was deeply interested in the epistle and in the details given us of the splendid work which we feel has been so ably and expertly arranged and carried into execution. Ninetysix Juniors had registered at the time of todays sessions. To Harold N. Tollefson and Lindley J. Cook, leaders of the Junior Yearly Meeting and the Young Friends department respectively, our true appreciation is hereby expressed.

1500 copies of Minutes ordered printed

77. We direct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting. We empower the committee to use its judgment in condensing or in omitting lengthy reports

Thomas Tripp named on Lynn Realty Trust

78. The Trustees of the Lynn Preparative Meeting Realty Trust report the appointment to their number of Thomas A. Tripp to take the place left vacant by the resignation of Norman S. Eaber.

Certified copies of Minutes deposited

79. We are informed that three copies of the printed Minutes of 1934 have been duly certified and are deposited with the Yearly Meeting records.

80. Committee organizations have been sent in.

Walter S. Meader resigns as treasurer of S.N.P. Dixon Trust

81. We note the retirement of Walter S. Meader as treasurer of the Committee on the Sarah Nichols Cope Dixon Trust, and we regret that he feels this action necessary. We shall miss his cheery reports of mounting balances and his careful attention to details of fact-finding and information.

Clerks to sign extracts from Minutes

82. The Clerks are directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

Thanks to Ocean Park & other host associations

83. The sincere thanks of the Yearly Meeting are cordially extended to the Ocean Park Association and to the New England Baptist Conference for their hospitality, courtesy, and care during the days of our sessions,

84. In closing this session we have been cheered and inspired by the words of our Dublin Friends in their general epistle to Friends everywhere "Jesus is alive and moving forward and He calls on His followers to more forward with Him."

Adjourned to 2.30 tomorrow afternoon.

First day afternoon, Sixth Month 30th. Convened according to adjournment.

The meeting gathered in worship and praise, being led by James A. Coney in the singing of "I love to tell the story" and "Hark, the voice of Jesus calling", after which a male chorus from the Laurence Meeting choir sang "The Lord's Prayer." Following in the spirit of united praise was a beautifully rendered duet by Raymond Wood and Myrtilla Crabtree, "Remember now thy Creator." Arthur Sautmier was at the head of the Meeting, introducing the various speakers and singers. A collection for the work of the Evangelistic Committee was taken, and then the Laurence choir sang the anthem, "Send out Thy light and Thy truth". Gervas A. Carey, Dean of the Biblical School of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, brought the message of the afternoon, from the text, "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh." Confusion and pessimism are rife, yet there still are sources of wisdom from which to chart a course. We need to rediscover the Bible, forsake our sins, individual and national, and by obedience become more familiar with God's will. The greatest privilege on earth is to know God's voice. He does speak to every man and He is no respecter of persons. His Kingdom shall never wane. The devotional service ended appropriately with a solo by Clara Taylor, "Dying with Jesus by death reckoned mine."

The meeting then turned to the concluding business, and the Presiding Clerk read a resolution prepared by the Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of the Liquor Traffic. The closing minute prepared by the Presiding Clerk concluded the business of the Yearly Meeting.

Minute on evils of gambling

85. In pursuance of the expressed wish of the Meeting that a statement of concern on the prevalence of gambling in its many forms be issued for publication in the press and for entry on our records, the Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of the Liquor Traffic presented this resolution which is adopted by the Meeting:

Resolution on Gambling — The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England assembled at Ocean Park, Maine, in its two hundred seventy-fifth annual session, views with great regret and alarm the growth in our several New England commonwealths of gambling in all forms and especially in connection with legalized race-tracks. We feel that the demoralization resulting therefrom far outweighs any financial advantage which may accrue to the state. We therefore call upon all our people to work through all available channels and to pray for the banishment of every form of legalized gambling from our several commonwealths. —

86 Closing Minute An outstanding feature of the Yearly Meeting this year has been the unusually large attendance of Junior and Senior young people, with an evident seriousness of purpose that has been most encouraging.

Reports from those responsible for the furtherance of effort in our various departments of work have indicated faithfulness and progress. Visiting Friends and others have stimulated our interest and concern by their messages of hope and inspiration.

We have been brought face to face with the distracting and uncertain world conditions which threaten the stability of our religious, social and economic life. It is clearly evident that the great need of the hour is a rededication of our powers and a reconsecration of our lives to the regeneration of society in all its relationships.

For the conscious overshadowing influence of the Holy Spirit and for the spirit of unity and devotion to the high purposes of the church, which have been evident during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, we are deeply grateful.

As we face the responsibilities of another year and return from this mountain-top experience to the valley of service, we pray for Divine guidance and courage to put forth our best endeavor, even in the midst of unpromising circumstances. Jesus said: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world".

Having accomplished the objects of our gathering, we conclude, purposing to meet in Ocean Park, Maine, from the 23d to the 28th of Sixth Month, 1936, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,

Lindley W. Binford, Presiding Clerk
Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk

Nominating Committee 1935

Rhode Island –	Charles H. White	L. Ralston Thomas
Salem –	Blanche R. Howland	Gertrude W. Osborne
Sandwich –	Annie E. Rose	Bertha A. Mostrom
Falmouth –	Clara W. Mumford	John C. Gatchell
Smithfield –	Bertha M. Cole	Melita B. Fisher
Vassalboro –	Eva Pratt Owen	Elda R. Henderson
Dover –	Lucy H. Meader	Edward G. Wood
Fairfield –	Arthur Jones	Alice A. Clough
Parsonsfield –	Emily M. Jones	

Nominating Committee 1936

Rhode Island -	Charles H. White	L. Ralston Thomas
Salem -	James A. Coney	A. Edward Kelsey
Sandwich -	Alvano C. Goddard	Annie E. Rose
Falmouth -	Clara W. Mumford	John C. Gatchell
Smithfield -	Bertha M. Cole	Henrietta A. Pendleton
Vassalboro -	Eva Pratt Owen	Elda R. Henderson
Dover -	Lucy H. Meader	Harvey Jones
Fairfield -	Sophia E. Hawkes	Emeline M. Hawkes
Parsonsfield -	Josephine H. Carr	

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, in its two-hundred seventy-sixth annual session, held in Ocean Park, Maine, and beginning at 9.30 a.m. on the 24th day of Sixth Month, 1936.

2 Meeting together in worship, prayer, and communion, the presiding clerk read to us, the oldest Yearly Meeting in the world, the first general epistle from Sweden Yearly Meeting, the latest member to join the Friendly fellowship. They assure us that in their meeting last Tenth Month they "felt the sacrament of fellowship with Quakers of today as well as with the old Quaker message", and that their "tiny new Society saw its own future way as a continuation not only of old Quakerism but also of old Swedish religious and democratic tradition."

3 A welcome to the Yearly Meeting was voiced by Charles E.
Welcome To Ocean Park Hamlen on behalf of the Ocean Park Assembly and the New England Baptist Conference, and the members and attenders were assured of continuing hospitality and attention in this Christian community.

4 Names of representatives from the several Quarterly
Representatives Meetings have been read and seventy-one have responded to the roll-call. Excuses were given for certain absentees.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Willis H. White, L. Ralston Thomas, Augustus W. Benedict, Elizabeth J. Trout, Philip C. Gifford, Annie C. Sherman, Elizabeth M. Allen, B. Earle Clark, Charles H. White, Helen T. Gifford, ✓ Margaret G. Sisson. ✓

Alternates: Helen T. Gifford, Margaret G. Sisson.

Salem Salem

Ruth E. Osborne, A. Edward Kelsey, Grace P. Atkins, A. Ella Clark, Gertrude W. Osborne, Alfred Osborne, James A. [illegible], Joseph Batty, Blanche R. Howland, George T. Watkins, Edna M. Libby, Marian Dustin.

Alternates: Gertrude F. Smith, Winslow H. Osborne.

Sandwich

Sandwich Rebecca Wild, Alvano C. Goddard, Annie E. Rose, Joseph L. Hiller, Agnes Howland, Alice C. Gifford, Edward L. Macomber, Bertha V. Mostrom, Marianna Macomber, John A. Cornell, ✓ James Wild. ✓

Alternates: John A. Cornell, James Wild.

✓ Named by representatives. See Minute 12.

Falmouth
Falmouth Lettie M. Bailey, Mary Paige Ware, Marian T. Cox, Elva L. Irish, Alberta W. Millward, M. Melvin Bailey, Alfred T. Ware, George R. Hutchinson, Stella M. Douglas, Clara W. Mumford, John C. Gatchell.

Alternates: Hattie O. Cox, Catherine Reeve, Phyllis Allen.

Smithfield
Smithfield Bertha M. Cole, Albert E. Todd, Mabel A. Thayer, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Robert Wilson, Arthur W. Hawkes, Agnes W. Harrison, Lucia A. Wheeler, Ella L. Taylor.

Vassalboro
Vassalboro Robert E. Owen, Edith Priest Whitten, Alice W. Jones, Margaret Cates, Morris L. Austin, Luella E. Jones, Eva Pratt Owen, Elda R. Henderson.

Dover
Dover Walter S. Meader, Daniel F. Jenness, Bertha E. Richardson, Charles Teague, Arthur M. Hussey, Lucy H. Meader, Harvey Jones.

Alternates: Eva N. Kimball, Laura E. Jones.

Fairfield
Fairfield Sophia E. Hawkes, Arthur Jones, Mary E. Jones, Alice L. Farr, Eleanor C. Bailey, Emeline M. Hawkes.

Parsonsfield
Parsonsfield Josephine H. Carr, Emily M. Jones, Marie B. Norton.

Quarterly Meeting Appointments 5 Quarterly Meeting appointments to the Nominating and Finance Committees having been read are confirmed. Superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, Missions, and Bible Schools have also been duly named and their appointments agreed to.

Information from Quarterly Meetings 6 Information has been sent in from certain Quarterly Meetings in regard to reading of Queries, payment of Yearly Meeting quota, and changes in time of holding meetings. Verbal reports were given by the clerks of Dover and of Salem Quarterly Meetings; the Dover assessment has now been paid, and the Salem treasurer will attend to the matter as soon as he has recovered from serious illness. (see page 5, printed Minutes.)

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Visiting Friends 7 In the love of the Gospel and liberated by their several meetings for service there are present at this session these Friends:

Howard W. Cope, a minister, and Edna H. Cope, his wife, an elder, with a minute of full unity from Muncie Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Raymond Binford, a minister, and Helen T. Binford, his wife, an elder, with a minute of full unity from New Garden Monthly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Attending without minutes are these Friends:

Leslie T. Shaffer, a minister, of Cincinnati Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting, at present executive secretary both of the Fellowship

Council of the American Friends Service Committee and of the Friends World Conference Committee.

Walter Hastings and Laura Hastings, his wife, members of Muncie Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Myra Binford of Wichita Monthly Meeting, Kansas Yearly Meeting.

M. Helena Nase and Edith Lee Rhodes of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting.

Our hearts have been cheered by the company and vocal services of our visiting Friends, and the liberty of the Meeting is freely offered them for the accomplishment of whatever work the Lord may lay upon them.

Records of Permanent Board

8 Alfred Osborne, clerk of the Permanent Board, read in our hearing selections from the minutes of that body. We do now confirm and ratify the decisions of the Board.

(see pages 6-7, printed Minutes)

Returning minutes

9 To prepare returning minutes for visiting Friends the Meeting has appointed Mary Paige Ware and James Wild.

Digest of Epistles read, &c

10 A digest of the epistles from the Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting has been prepared under direction of the Correspondence Committee and read in our hearing. We are encouraged by the manifest interest of all these meetings in the application of the Gospel of Christ to the social disorder and unrest of today, and by the increasing share taken by young people and children in the work of the Society of Friends

Philadelphia's Invitation to World Conference

11. The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity sent a cheering letter, which has brought us a message of concern for a more adequate ministry, for the deepening of spiritual experience, and including a warm welcome to the approaching Friends World Conference to be held in Swarthmore and in Haverford, Pennsylvania, Ninth Month 1 to 8, 1937.

Epistles read

Epistles from several Yearly Meetings of the General Conference of Friends have come to this Meeting and from them there has been selected for reading in this session the letter from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Park Avenue, Baltimore. Their concern for mutual understanding and forbearance and for growth of spiritual power meets an answering desire in our hearts, as we join in the wish that each soul may be so aroused that it will open wide to receive the inflow of Divine power needed to change individual hearts and the minds of the nations.

Among other Friendly missives there have been received by us epistles from the Pacific Coast Association of Friends, New England Yearly Meeting, Westerly, R.I., and Ohio Yearly Meeting, Barnesville, Ohio. The greeting from Westerly Friends has been read and we join with them in "re-dedicating ourselves to a closer communion with the Divine Light in our own hearts that we may realize afresh the reality and strength of things spiritual." Vienna (Austria) Friends are deeply anxious to have more men and women whose souls are aflame with the urge to bring about a new spiritual and social order in this world and so to awaken our own Society that the world may hear the message and find the true way. Cuba Yearly Meeting sends an encouraging word regarding the promotion of sentiment against gambling in that island.

12 Representatives meet The representative body is requested to meet at the rise of this morning's session and to report to this afternoon's meeting nominations for clerks. Vacancies occurring in delegations or on the Nominating Committee may be filled, if so desired.

13 Concerning re-appointing committee members A concern of A. Edward Kelsey has been considered and the matter of reappointment of committee members whose terms expire at this time is left to the judgment of the Nominating Committee, so that they may name new members as they see fit. In the case of William Prideaux, who has removed from the limits of this Yearly Meeting to the State of Washington, the Committee is given power to name others to serve in places formerly held by him.

Adjourned to 3.45 this afternoon.
Afternoon. Convened at the appointed hour.

14 On behalf of the representatives, James A. Coney reported their unity in proposing for clerks these Friends:

Clerks nominated

Presiding Clerk, Lindley M. Binford
Recording Clerk, Lyra T. Wolkins
Reading Clerks: John C. Gatchell
Helen T. Gifford

Clerks appointed

The Meeting approved the nominations and the appointments are made for one year or until their successors are chosen. The representatives also reported that vacancies had been filled, as authorized. Sincere appreciation was generally expressed for the capable and satisfactory services of the two retiring reading clerks, Arthur Jones and Marion E. Kelsey. Arthur Jones has served in this capacity since 1931, and Marion E. Kelsey since 1929.

London Yearly Meeting epistle read

15 In eagerness we listened for words of counsel and inspiration from the annual epistle from London Yearly Meeting and were not disappointed. With them we hope to find as a result of our sessions "the conviction that for all the tasks before us... the responsibility is a personal one. We must learn to walk in that way which is truth and which alone leads to life – the way of persuading, self giving, compassionate love. In preparation for the coming with power of the Kingdom of God, "the essential task for ourselves, our Society, our nation, is repentance."

Messages to absent friends

16 The Meeting expressed a desire that a message of love be sent to Walter S. Meader and [illegible] H. Meader, and to John Metcalfe, who have been obliged because of illness to leave the Meeting. The presiding clerk was also asked to write a letter to our dear absent Friend, Sarah J. Swift. Charles W. Johnson, confined at home by serious illness, was also remembered in this affectionate greeting from the Yearly Meeting. Sarah D. Holmes was similarly included in our remembrance.

Clerk & Treasurer authorized to execute instruments in re S. N. P. Dixon Trust

17 The presiding clerk and the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all instruments relative to the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust which said Trust Committee or its authorized representatives may request.

Missionary Committee reports

18 To the progress of Christian missions in the field abroad and in our own land the Meeting next turned its attention. First came a detailed report from our own Missionary Committee, prepared by A. Edward Kelsey, chairman. Following this, we listened to the annual account of work carried on by the American Friends Board of Missions. These revealing statements appear herewith. (see pages 10-13, printed Minutes)

Chairman of Amer. Friends Board presents needs

19 Howard W. Cope, chairman of the American Friends Board of Missions, who is acceptably in attendance on our sessions, appeared before us in interpretation of the year's report, stressing responsibilities and privileges, explaining plans and possibilities, urging purposive thinking, generous giving, development of trained leadership, the arousing of youth to the thrilling adventure of missions. For the immediate future, the Board invites special emphasis on the home base as a foundation on which to build greater future interest and support for the field.

Work of Assoc. Exec. Com. on Indian Affairs

20 Our representatives on the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs contributed the account which follows: {See page 14 printed minutes

Woman's Missionary Society

21 Further information regarding local accomplishments in missionary service in our Yearly Meeting came to us from the Woman's Missionary Society. (see pages 14-16, printed Minutes)

Discussion of Arab-Jewish clash in Palestine

22 A. Edward Kelsey followed the reading of reports with details of the situation in Palestine. James A. Coney asked that very definite action of some sort be taken. Moses Bailey suggested that we might express sympathy with those who are seeking a non-violent solution of the problem in Palestine, perhaps through personal letters. Rufus M. Jones told us that the American Friends Service Committee was undertaking in Eleventh Month a joint retreat of certain Quakers and Jews to consider the critical situation. Oscar G. Mostrom spoke of our trying to get the viewpoint of Jehovah regarding His chosen people. Linwood W. Jones exhorted the members of the Meeting to follow the advice given by Howard W. Cope, in the session of the Woman's Missionary Society, first to "Come", then "Tarry", then "Go". Lelia S. Marstaller asked that we look up and see the "Presence in the midst", but not tarry too long, and to move out and onward.

Committee to study & report on Palestine situation

23 In view of the manifest interest in the discussion the Meeting is united in naming a committee to study the whole involved question and to report their opinion to a later session of this body. For this purpose we appoint Moses Bailey, Rufus M. Jones, James A. Coney, and A. Edward Kelsey.

24 All these forward-looking accounts and remarks inspire us to

believe that it is more than ever necessary to

"Sow in the morn thy seed,
At eve hold not thy hand:
To doubt and fear give thou no heed,
Broadcast it o'er the land!"

In the recent message [✓] of Dublin Yearly Meeting to its own membership is a phrase which suggests the way of escape and hope. "We feel confused and befogged when we look at the immense problems which confront us, the great wrongs which are so evident in the world; but we have a sure guide... Love and simple friendliness to all are Christlike qualities which ultimately will prove themselves stronger than the spirit of violence so prevalent today. We cannot see the end; but it is worth while risking all as our Master did."

Income of H. H. Mosher Fund – report

25 Distribution of literature by the Committee on the Distribution of Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund has been described in the following reports, read at this time: (see pages 17–18, printed Minutes)

Resignation from Committee on Bible Schools

26 A resignation from membership on the Bible School Committee was sent in by Estella G. Wood, on account of removal from our limits. The Meeting accepted the resignation with regret and directed the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy.

27 For our closing message we have received the epistle from Japan Yearly Meeting. We can unite wholeheartedly in the belief that "for the creation of this world-to-be, God is unceasingly at work in the individual and in society. In order to remove inequalities and injustice from the world, it is necessary to plant this faith deeply in human hearts. The planting and practice of this creative faith must precede any forced efforts at economic and political reconstruction. This spiritual service is today's method of making vital the peace testimony of Friends, their historical faith in the 'seed of God', and their emphasis upon the value of human personality. We are also reminded that the task of world evangelization must be recognized as the joint responsibility of the Christians of the whole world."

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

[✓] "The Friend", London, 5 Mo. 8, 1936, p. 418

Fifthday morning, Sixth Month 25th. Convened at the hour appointed.

In the devotional moments Leslie T. Shaffer brought a spiritual message in song in the words of the 27th Psalm. Laura A. Ellison continued in testimony and exhortation that we open our hearts to the inflowings of Divine Love.

Greetings from & to Junior Yearly Meeting

28 Greetings from the Junior Yearly Meeting were brought to us by our youthful Friends, Richard Farr and Omar Bailey. James A. Coney asked that the Meeting invite the Juniors and Young Friends to attend one of the morning worship periods. Sixth day was chosen as a suitable time, and our friend, James A. Coney, was asked to convey the invitation. Rufus M. Jones and Mabel C. Moody were named to carry the greetings of this Meeting to the Junior Yearly Meeting.

Report of Evangelistic Committee

29 In opening the topic for the day, State of Society, the Evangelistic Committee's report was presented. Faithful and continuous care has been extended to our meetings, and the superintendent has diligently travelled throughout the widespread field under our jurisdiction, bringing courage and inspiration, advice and counsel, wherever needed. (See printed Minutes, pages 19-20)

Statistics &c

30 Selected items from the annual statistics were read by Lindley M. Binford. The total present membership was given as 3477, an apparent loss of thirteen names, through death, removal, resignation, or discontinuance of names. Transfers from associate to active membership number seventeen in eight of the nine Quarterly Meetings. There are 656 associate members in all the Quarters. A challenge for future accessions is to be found in these figures, which should rest on our hearts as a special concern. Rufus M. Jones told of a study which London Yearly Meeting is now giving to this vital subject of what to do to secure children as prospective working members of the Society of Friends.

In the "First Publishers of Truth" we read that "a holy zeal increased for the promotion of Truth and the spreading abroad the fame thereof". We need to pray and work for such a holy zeal that the task before us may become a joy and a privilege.

Reports on spiritual condition

31 The summary of reports on spiritual condition, prepared by the presiding clerk, indicates great loyalty and devotion with definite progress in many meetings. In others there is a lack of personal responsibility and a self-centred type of living. "A spiritual awakening is needed, followed by such spiritual growth as will touch every phase of life among all our members." These words from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting express the conviction of many Friends throughout our Yearly Meeting.

Report of James A. Coney superintendent

32 The Meeting then took on fresh encouragement and interest as the general superintendent, James A. Coney, brought his personal story of visitation through the length and breadth of New England, interspersing the formal report with enlivening illustrations. He asked this question: "If we expect our Lord's coming, soon or in the distant future, should we not at least be preparing the world for His coming? Helping to create a world organization of Christian Friends is our job."

(See printed Minutes, pp. 21-23)

33. Charles H. White testified to the inspiration in newly-organized groups such as they have found in the Bible School and meeting now held in Lincoln School. Rufus M. Jones spoke of the decline in some of the larger Yearly Meetings, emphasizing the courage of such pioneers as the "Woodhouse eleven" as of all the fathers of the faith, and pointing out the inherent possibilities in a "remnant" that is not defeatist in spirit. Linwood W. Jones reminded us that eleven such men and women today could shake the country around and bring lasting results for time and eternity, if they were ready to

"Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release."

Alvano C. Goddard and George R. Hutchinson shared helpfully in the discussion.

34 Nearly a century ago Joseph John Gurney expressed the "humble hope that His own eternal power will again be known to abound among us; and that many living witnesses to the truth will yet be raised up, within our borders, to the praise of His glorious name." Today we must not be content with a humble hope. It is time for confidence and

assurance. Our God is able. Are we ready to be raised up as living witnesses? Continuing with the final words of the [illegible] Swarthmore lecture: "Do we not hear a voice crying, 'In the desert prepare ye a road for the Lord'? This shall be our adventure. The spirit of Creative Life calls to us today, saying:

"Tary no longer: toward thyne heritage
Haste on thy way and be of right-good chere,
Go ech day onward on thy pilgrimage.
. . . . . .
'Come on, my friend, my brother most entire,
For thee I offered my blood in sacrifyce.'" ✓

Adjourned to this afternoon at 3.30.

Afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

Message from Mtg. on Ministry & Oversight 35 A communication from the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been read. (See pages 24-25, printed Minutes)

36 The welcome of the Meeting is extended to visiting Friends who have
Visiting Friends come in since the opening session; among them being Francis R. Taylor, a minister, and Elizabeth B. Jones, an elder, both members of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia & Vicinity.

37 Religious Education and Bible Schools being subjects due for consideration at this time, we listened to the instructive and suggestive annual report presented by the superintendent, Josephine H. Carr, with its record of unique accomplishments during the year. (See printed Minutes, pages 25-27)

38 Rev. Hilda L. Ives, minister and specialist in religious education in both town and country communities, addressed us on "The Christian Threshold", stressing home surroundings and atmosphere during the vital periods in child-life. Preparation in the home for the coming of children, the influence on the very small child of Christian prayer and faith and godly living, the years when Bible verses, hymns, and prayers can most effectively be taught, the importance of truly Christian Bible School teachers, who can visit in the home and the school-room, and understand the varying forces that blend in building permanent character—these together with the need in adult leadership of vital personal Christian experience, deep consecration, combined with spiritual suppleness and a gracious comprehension of the ways and beliefs of our

✓ from "Vox Ultima Crucis", John Lydgate, 1370-1447.

fellow-Christians, and an earnest understanding of child psychology, were among the helpful ideas emphasized by the speaker.

39 Discussion followed, shared in by Elam [illegible], Rachel Mostrom, A. Edward Kelsey, Philip C. Gifford, John C. Gatchell, Oliver M. Frazer, Edith L. Rhodes, Josephine H. Carr, Annie C. Sherman, Leslie T. Shaffer, Lyra T. Wolkins, and James R. [illegible]. Points which received special emphasis were Gospel teams for visitation in rural sections, development of leadership among the rank and file of church members, institutes of church work for periods of a few days or weeks, need of a far more efficient ministry, instruction in temperance, and a revival of religion among our own members.

Concern for extension work approved

40 Concerns of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee and the Committee on Bible Schools and Religious Education for extension work to be undertaken in certain of our most needy fields have been approved by voice of the Meeting.

Friends World Conference plans explained by Leslie T. Shaffer

41 Leslie T. Shaffer was given an opportunity to describe plans for the approaching Friends World Conference to be held Ninth Month 1st to 8th, 1937. The request for a contribution from this Yearly Meeting of $100 towards the expenses of the Conference was referred to the Finance Committee with an expression of our strong appreciation of the importance of the event. The Yearly Meeting has been allotted a representation of fourteen members in addition to the six who are already serving in one or another capacity in the Conference organization. The nomination of a committee to have power to appoint such Friends as delegates has been assigned to the Nominating Committee to be reported to a later session.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Evening meeting on "Evangelism" address by Howard W. Cope

On Fifth day evening a splendid assembly came together for the public meeting under care of the Evangelistic Committee. Congregational singing and Gospel solos by Leslie T. Shaffer and Clara Taylor made a fitting background for the evangelistic address by Howard W. Cope, chairman of the American Friends Board of Missions. The speaker outlined the need for a warmer evangelism, describing the various types employed, mass, personal, visitation, and one which he termed "radiant" evangelism, which he considered the very life and substance of Quakerism. All these types have their value; objections to one or another are against the method and not the principle. The apostle Peter[1] counsels us not to adorn ourselves on the outside but in the spirit, "which is in the sight of God of great price". The life of every Quaker ought so to radiate the presence of Christ that it will grip the lives of those with whom he comes in contact. George Fox said that every Friend ought to light up the community for ten miles around. The simplicity of life, dress, and address advocated by the Friends of other days was based on this conviction. This is the evangelism we need today, that we "adorn our profession". Back of a desire to do something should be the desire to be something. Any type of evangelism that will win men to God is the evangelism we need and must have. The type itself does not matter, if men are being brought to Christ. The only proper definition of a Friend is the one given by our Lord himself: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you".[2]

Sixthday morning, Sixth Month 26th. Met according to adjournment.

42 Sharing with us in the opening worship service were the Junior Yearly Meeting and the Young Friends group, filling both wings of the large assembly room. The meeting was opened by a hymn sung by the Juniors, "I would be True". Rufus M. Jones spoke from the prayer of the Psalmist, "Thou, O Eternal God, dost open up my life". We are living in a period of great adventure today, in spite of all the magnificent conquests of explorers and discoverers in recent decades. A new field for pioneering awaits, in the world of the spirit, in international and social relations. There are millions upon millions of youth struggling for a place under the sun, in industry, in agriculture, in business, in education. Wherever it be, there is adventure in store. Restlessness needs to be tempered with serenity, which comes with the opening of the life to the inflow of God's spirit. Elam Henderson encouraged the church to calm itself in the surrounding storm and seize the opportunity to rebuild shattered ideals. A. Edward Kelsey illustrated the transforming power of love. Florence L. Hiller urged our young

Young Friends and Juniors attend devotions in a body people to be true to conviction, to put in practice their beliefs, to be willing to be different, to follow Jesus.

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[1] I Pet. iii. 4.

[2] John iv. 14.

Edward Escolme & wife attend. Others visiting Friends

43 There are present with a letter of introduction signed by the clerk of Tecumseh Monthly Meeting, Tecumseh, Michigan, Edward Escolme, a minister, and Ella W. Escolme, his wife, an overseer, members of Tecumseh Monthly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Other Friends who have been introduced to the Meeting are: Beatrice Giles, of Prospect Monthly Meeting, Central Quarterly Meeting, Jamaica, a former worker in the Friends Mission in Port Antonio; Rodolphus and Mary Tucker Howland of New Bedford; Pliny C. McCracken, a member of Bear Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa Yearly Meeting.

All these Friends are welcomed to our fellowship and encouraged to individual faithfulness as the Lord may lead.

In memory of deceased Friends

44 Our hearts are solemnized as we again pause in remembrance of beloved Friends and associates who have been called home during the past twelve months. In the light of their example, may we be prepared to fulfill as faithfully in our day and generation the every day duties and concerns that come to us.—

Annie M. Ray, minister and evangelist; Lucy T. Herbert, elder and earnest worker for missions and on committees of Yearly Meeting; Annie M. Priest, devoted teacher and for the past thirty-five years secretary of the Board of Managers of Oak Grove Seminary; G. Fred Davis, faithful servant of the Society of Friends as Quarterly Meeting clerk for fourteen years, and in Yearly Meeting business affairs; Frederick W. Holman, elder and pillar of the Portsmouth (R. I.) meeting; Edmund G. Gifford, overseer and dependable worker in Allen's Neck meeting; Caroline DeBlois, a beloved elder in Swansea Monthly Meeting; Sarah W. Coggeshall, loyal member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

Report of Committee on Community Welfare & Suppression of Liquor Traffic

45 From the Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of the Liquor Traffic was received with expressions of interest and approval the following annual report: (See printed Minutes, pages 31-33)

Committee on Education

46 The treasurer of the Committee on Education rendered an account of loans to students. (See page 33 for report)

address of Raymond Binford on Education

The chairman of the committee gave further explanation of the work, and then introduced as the speaker of the morning Raymond Binford, President Emeritus of Guilford College and chairman of the Five Years Meeting Board of Education.

47 Raymond Binford began his remarks by stating that an educational institution is as broad as human life, for education begins and ends with life itself. Objectives must be considered if we are to establish and carry on a college or a school. One phase must not be overemphasized if the whole of life is to be influenced. The speaker discussed our American Friends colleges and told of the stupendous task which the Board of Education is attempting, to outline an adequate program of education for the whole Society of Friends. To prepare to interpret genuine Christianity to the world is a complex problem. Some of our Yearly Meetings have no colleges; some have no preparatory schools. The Five Years Meeting must discover how adequate are the homes and public schools, meetings and Bible Schools, to give our children the kind of education we wish them to have. Is our Quaker philosophy of life being placed before them? The training of the ministry is another great problem. There is not sufficient interest on the part of the Society at large in the educational institutions which we maintain in the Five Years Meeting field. But the Society can demand of our schools what it wants and in time these demands will be heard and met. An educational institution is largely, of course, a place for intellectual training. It is difficult to maintain spiritual power. Compare the achievements of the Student Volunteer movement in the past. Has anything taken its place to challenge in any degree and win the students? We must have a spirit-filled group to influence and inspire young life.

Reports of Yearly Meeting Schools

48 L. Ralston Thomas read the annual account of Moses Brown School, Frances E. Wheeler that of Lincoln School, and Robert E. Owen that of Oak Grove Seminary, while the three schools presented complete financial statements, properly audited. Our grateful thanks we have expressed to the devoted principals of all three schools and we have assured them of our confidence in their several administrations.

That our young people may "learn to link reverence with knowledge and to interpret life in terms of spiritual values and practical service" is the desire of this Meeting. Quaker education is a topic of never-ending interest, touching as it does the life of the youth who will form the Society of Friends of the future, and setting standards and ideals that endure. Speaking in Dublin Yearly Meeting this year, Lord Eustace Percy stated that "We are the citadel of the freedom of the human spirit, of respect for individual responsibility and faith in the power of the human spirit to change society". Under God, the influence of Christian teachers and a Christian school atmosphere cannot be too strongly emphasized. (For reports, see pages 35 to 42, of printed Minutes.)

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Evening program
on "Alcohol"
with addresses
by "home-
talent" speakers.

In the evening a program of unusual interest was given under care of the Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, a home-talent forum discussion on "Alcohol". Opening the question, the chairman of the committee, Arthur Sautmier, dwelt upon the nature and effects of alcohol on man, pointing out that alcohol is a drug and a poison, a depressant and not a stimulant. George L. Crosman discussed alcohol and its evil effects on society, in the home and the community. George G. Wolkins and Harry Harrison enlivened the program with illustrations of the self-evident fact that alcohol and business do not mix.

Next were described methods of controlling alcohol through the religious motive, education, and political action. Gertrude W. Osborne spoke on the spiritual motive as exemplified in organizations like the W. C. T. U. Eva Pratt Owen considered the evils of smoking and its effect in lowering the ideals of young people in school and society. Myron I. Jenness spoke of the influence that could be exerted through membership on school boards and other local educational agencies. Robert E. Owen called attention to certain referenda that were before the people of Maine for action at the coming elections. A. Edward Kelsey discussed political action through the Prohibition party, also through regular party channels and non-partisan organizations. Appropriate solos were rendered by Clara Taylor of Lawrence Meeting.

Seventh day morning, Sixth Month 27th Convened at the appointed hour.

In a deep sense of the Divine Spirit in the midst, the Meeting came together for worship and strength and inspiration. By the reading of the epistles from Syria and Palestine Yearly Meeting we were drawn closer in fellowship and understanding with far-distant Friends. Helen T. Binford, A. Edward Kelsey, and others had helpful vocal exercise. The words of our Friends in Syria and Palestine have a message of deep value: (for quotation, see printed Minutes, pages 43-44)

Report of Board of Care & Relief

49 From the Board of Care and Relief came to the Meeting this report on Huntington Home. We joy with them in thankfulness for the final fulfillment of hope long-deferred. Francis R. Taylor spoke of his pleasure in visiting and inspecting Huntington Home, and encouraged us to enlarge our interest in the Home as a centre of Friendly life and work. (See printed Minutes, pages 44-45)

Report of Committee on Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust

50 An unusual and remarkable change has taken place in the attitude and interest of the Committee on the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust. We have for many years listened to the hopeful reports of the loyal treasurer of the Committee, Walter S. Meader, and have with him held the "humble hope" that our Board of Care and Relief might one day be the beneficiary of the generosity of Sarah N. Pope Dixon, whose devotion to Quaker principles and whose vision for benevolent service and old-age welfare are at last being realized. (See {opposite page and also page 46, printed Minutes)

Authorizations in re S.N.P. Dixon Trust as to real estate sale, &c.

51 As a part of the report of the Committee on the Sarah N.P. Dixon Trust, the real estate[✓] owned by the Yearly Meeting of Friends, as a corporation, is listed as follows:

4208 Wyalusing Avenue
2628 South Seventh Street
720 McKean Street
2934 North Fifth Street
2434 South Lawrence Street
3868 Poplar Street
5755 Pine Street
5237 McKean Avenue, Germantown
5022 North Franklin Street
2538 South Second Street

All of these properties having been acquired by foreclosure of mortgage, and being essentially for investment and production of income, the Yearly Meeting desires to dispose of it and convert it into personalty, hence the Committee on the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust, being explicitly designated under her will to have full authority over her estate, by successive appointment of this Yearly Meeting, is expressly authorized to sell and dispose of such real estate, in its sole discretion, for such price or prices, and upon such terms as to it may seem best, and the presiding clerk and treasurer of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England are

[✓] All in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, unless specified otherwise.

authorized and instructed to execute and deliver any and all deeds and other acquittances in the law, as may be necessary or proper, upon proper certificate of said Committee for the full and complete accomplishment of said prospective sales.

Report of Committee on
Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust

Report of process by which the Yearly Meeting acquired estate of S. N. Pope Dixon

The Committee on the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust would like to report that during the past year it has held three meetings and by sub-committees has been active in organizing the work of the committee. Most of the work in this period has involved the legal details of the settlement of the estate and the acquisition of the funds by the Yearly Meeting in its corporate capacity. The Provident Trust Company of Philadelphia, trustee under the Sarah N. Pope Dixon will since 1886, filed its accounts in the Orphans Court of Philadelphia, and the entire fund was awarded to The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. The total amount of the principal was $103,403.60. This sum, however, cannot be considered conclusive, as considerable depletion in value of mortgages composing it is already unfortunately evident.

In order to accept title to the real estate and mortgages composing the fund, our ancient corporation, incorporated in Rhode Island in 1823, has received a certificate of authority to do business in Pennsylvania. This is the fourth state in which The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is now registered. The corporation now holds title to all of the trust property of mortgages and real estate in Pennsylvania, consisting of sixteen different pieces of property.

Provident Trust Company

The Dixon Committee has also authorized the execution of power of attorney to the Provident Trust Company, Philadelphia, to continue the administration of the Fund as a whole until further notice.

For the past three months, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, acting as treasurer of the committee, has received $235 a month, that amount being a conservative estimate of the net income at present available. Of this amount, $200 has been paid to the Huntington Home for general purposes and the balance is held subject to disposition by the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust Committee, after its reorganization.

Treasurer submits report

52 Turning to the subject of the finances of the Yearly Meeting, George S. Wolkins, treasurer, read in detail his annual report. Duly attached is the auditor's' endorsement, which shows strict

examination of all books, accounts, and vouchers. The report, being a full statement of receipts and disbursements of both Yearly Meeting current funds and United Budget moneys, was approved and accepted, with general expression of appreciation of the services of the treasurer and the auditors.

Report of the Treasurer[✓]

6 Mo. 29, 1935 to 6 Mo. 23, 1936

Receipts

Treasurer's report summarized	On hand, 6 Mo. 29, 1935:		
	Cash, demand deposit (Second Nat'l Bank, Boston)	$ 737 08	
	Cash, Savings Dept. Second Nat'l Bank, Emergency Fund for Ministers and Workers	104 20	
			$ 841 28
Receipts	Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
	The Quarterly Meetings	$1,474 87	
	Sales of "Discipline"	14 00	$ 1,488 87
	Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1935-6):		
	Local Meetings in the Quarterly Meetings	$ 3,977 62	
	Individual subscriptions	2,095 00	
	Woman's Missionary Society	580 00	$ 6,652 62
	Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1936-7):		
	Local Meetings	$ 181 71	
	Individual subscriptions	400 00	$ 581 71
	Sundries:		
	Special Easter Offering, 1936		162 67
	Subscriptions specially designated		286 15
	Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee		5,952 54
	Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee		306 83
	Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools &c		192 55
	Yearly Meeting Committee on Community Welfare &c		202 25
	Committee on Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust		485 00
	Loan by Board of Managers of Investments & Permanent Funds		1,000 00
	Interest credited to savings account (Emergency Fund for Ministers-et al.)		2 35
	Total receipts		$ 18,154 82

Payments

	Yearly Meeting Current Funds:	
Payments	Expenses, sessions 1935	55 00
	Expenses, visiting ministers, 1935	43 00
	Bible Half-hour, Alfred C. Garrett, room & travelling expense	19 00
	Lindley M. Binford, presiding clerk	50 00
	Lyra T. Wolkins, recording clerk	25 00
	Carry forward $	$ 192 00

[✓] Summarized. For full report, see Minutes, 1936, pages 48-55

Brought forward			$ 192 00
Premium on surety bond for treasurer (5,000)			12 50
Printed Yearly Meeting "Minutes" (1935), 1500 copies			450 00
Additional for sewing binding of "Minutes"			13 00
Alterations in "Minutes"			23 63
Postage and express on "Minutes"			10 98
Circulars (1200), postage, &c., Committee of Arrangements (1935)			32 65
Five Years Meeting assessment to 1 Mo. 1, 1936			212 28
Interdenominational Commission of Maine, dues			2 00
Postage on "Discipline"			12
Board of Care and Relief for Huntington Home			200 00
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee toward deficit			500 00
Expense items of presiding clerk, 1935 & 1936			11 37
Postal cards for use of recording clerk			7 34
Record book for recording clerk			2 85
Postage for treasurer			11 08
Board of Auditors, expense, 1935 & 1936			77 78
Junior and Yearly Meeting epistles (50 copies)			7 50
Expenses of delegates to Five Years Meeting, 1935			237 85
Envelopes and note paper			1 50
			$ 2,006 43
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1934-5):			
To Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee to reduce deficit			1,332 83
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1935-6):			
To Five Years Meeting		$ 2,423 00	
Expense items, postage, letters, &c		24 21	
To Yearly Meeting Committees:			
Evangelistic	$3,036 98		
Board of Young Friends Activities	87 55		
Oak Grove Seminary	82 55		
Bible Schools	82 55		
Community Welfare	82 55		
		$3,372 18	
To Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee to reduce deficit		1,000 00	
			6,819 39
Sundry remittances:			
American Friends Service Committee	$ 73 50		
Special Bible Woman Fund	10 00		
"Thanksgiving Buffaloes," Western Indians	2 65		
Emergency of local worker	200 00		286 15
Carry forward			10,444,80

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Payments (cont.)

Brought forward		$10,444 80
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee		
In aid of Meetings	$ 1,703 30	
General Superintendent, salary & expenses	1,900 97	
Automobile: expense items, insurance, new Chevrolet Sedan, &c	406 47	
Wayside Pulpit mottoes	9 50	
Reimburse workers for unpaid checks on Fidelity Trust Co. – 3 Mo. 1, 1933 }	143 33	4,143 57
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee, total		109 35
Yearly Meeting Bible School Committee, do		60 12
Yearly Meeting Committee on Community Welfare, &c, total		55 41
Committee on Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust:		
Filing certificate, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	30 00	
Board of Care & Relief, Huntington Home	200 00	230 00
Loans repaid		2,000 00
Interest on loans to 6 Mo. 20, 1936, @ 5%		87 50
Total payments		$ 17,150 75
On hand, to balance:		
Cash, demand deposit, Second Nat'l Bank, Boston	$777 82	
Cash, Savings Dept., Second Nat'l Bank, Boston	106 55	
Cash, Savings Dept., Emergency Fund Ministers & Workers, Newton Trust Co., Newton, Mass	119 70	1,004 07
		$ 18,154 82

Submitted, George G. Wolkins, Treasurer

Examined and found correct, with proper vouchers,

Frederick C. Dearborn,

Joseph L. Hiller, Auditors

53 Discussion on giving

James A. Coney encouraged more generous giving so that the United Budget pledges might be met in full, pointing out that only an average of one dollar per member a year is being given. Edward Escolme, visiting Friend, told of his interest in stewardship, in raising money by tithes and free-will offerings, advising that meetings should keep out of debt, and in addition spend at least as much for others as they spend on themselves, as much for missions as for the home church.

A general discussion was largely participated in by many Friends, revealing on the part of active workers in our meetings a deep concern that our giving be made as genuine a spiritual act as are our prayer and worship and church service.

Alvano C. Goddard, Ellen A. Winslow, Rebecca Wild, Mary P. Ware, Alfred T. Ware, Alfred Osborne, John C. Mitchell, Eva Pratt Owen, Bertha M. Cole, and Willis H. White continued in similar vein.

Letter of appeal to be sent to families

54 William T. Hussey suggested sending a letter of appeal accompanied by a pledge card to heads of all families in the Yearly Meeting. To this ~~the~~ Meeting agreed and directed the Finance Committee in conjuction with the general superintendent to issue this personal appeal for meeting the present urgent need and also for educating our membership to more systematic and generous giving.

Report of Board of Auditors of Yearly Meeting Property

55 The examination in detail of Yearly Meeting property, books of account, records of transactions, balance sheets, vouchers, et cetera, has been carefully attended to by the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting, as appears from the subjoined report, which has been read and accepted.

(See pages 56-58, printed Minutes)

56 Consideration of the subject of safeguarding and administration of funds has been postponed to the afternoon session

Nominations confirmed to Yearly Meeting Committees, &c.

57 Nominations for officers, committees, and representatives on various boards and organizations have been received from the Nominating Committee and have been duly confirmed.

(See pages 77-87, printed Minutes)

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.
Afternoon. Met at the hour of appointment.

58 To Dublin Yearly Meeting and the German Yearly Meeting we have turned for messages of counsel and inspiration. We join in their desire that "we may all more deeply apprehend our Lord's purpose and His sustaining power and love," and their prayer to "feel more deeply responsible than ever for proclaiming the truth we have seen and letting it be known through our lives as the revelation of His will". A minute from the German Yearly Meeting laid before us their concern for the strengthening of Quaker work in Palestine in order to help solve the problems of that land. The Society of Friends in France has also sent us a personal letter of Friendly greeting, to which we have listened with attention.

Situation in Palestine, cables regarding, to be sent by Clerk.

59 From the special committee named to consider the situation in Palestine we have received a message prepared for transmission to the Zionist headquarters in Jerusalem and to Khalil Totah for the Arab Central Committee, with a further statement to be cabled to London to the approaching Meeting for Sufferings to be held on Seventh Month 1st. These documents being satisfactory we direct the Presiding Clerk to sign them on our behalf and to forward them at once.

Report of Committee on Gosp. & Service

60 The Committee on Gospel Service submitted an account of its work. (See printed Minutes, page 59)

Finance Committee Recommendations

61 There have been read to us the recommendations of the Finance Committee, which the Meeting has adopted, item by item. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to carry out each and every direction contained therein.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee

1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $1100 be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses during the year 1936-37, payable half on 11 Mo. 1 and the remainder on 5 Mo. 1, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $2,000 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings.

2. That the Treasurer be authorized to make payments within the following appropriations:

Five Years Meeting Assessment for year ending 3 Mo. 31, 1937	$225
Printing and distribution of Yearly Meeting Minutes =	555
Printing $480, sewing binding $15 corrections $40, mailing ~~&~~ $20 }	
Entertainment visiting ministers & workers, &c	100
Expense holding sessions in Ocean Park, 1936	100
Sundry items expense incident to sessions	200
Arrangement of records in safe in Providence	50
Minor expenses during year	50
Board of Care and Relief for Huntington Home	200
Evangelistic Committee deficit	500
Friends World Conference, 1937	100
	$ 2080

3. That the following apportionment of the $1,100 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted for the year 1936-7:

Percentages √

Rhode Island	18	Vassalboro	6
Salem	20	Dover	5
Sandwich	16	Fairfield	9
Falmouth	13	Parsonsfield	2
Smithfield	11		

4. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the Clerks of Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

5. That our local meetings give most serious consideration to the requirements of the United Budget and that determined effort should be made not only to raise the entire amount authorized by the Permanent Board in 2 Mo. last but that remittances be made as nearly as possible in equal monthly instalments. Under Minute No. 30, 1927, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to send each month to the Five Years Meeting one-twelfth of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the United Budget requirement, and all local meetings are urged to co-operate in this respect.

6. That the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to borrow in the name of the Yearly Meeting such sums as may be needed to make possible equal monthly remittances of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the Five Years Meeting through United Budget requirements for the year 1936-37 and to borrow such further sums as may be needed to meet the requirements of the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee.

7. That the Finance Committee be authorized to provide for the auditing of the Treasurer's accounts and that the treasurers of all committees handling funds for the Yearly Meeting be required to have their accounts audited by such persons as shall be designated by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

8. That the Presiding Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, acting together, be given authority to approve the payment of charges for the entertainment of visiting ministers and others from a distance who attend the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

9. That George G. Wolkins be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee, Edward L. Macomber, Chairman

√The percentages apply to the $1,[illegible] stated in Par. 1 of these Recommendations. They were revised in 1930, and again, in the case of Smithfield & Fairfield, in 1936

G. G. Wolkins appointed Treasurer

62 George G. Wolkins is appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

General epistle read and directed sent out

63 With expectancy the Meeting awaited the presentation of a draft of a general epistle prepared under direction of the Correspondence Committee. The Meeting approved the document and instructed the presiding clerk to sign it on our behalf and dispatch it to all those organizations of Friends with whom we correspond and to any others who may be interested to receive our Christian greetings, also that the American Friend be requested to put it in print.

A letter has been prepared for Ram Allah Monthly Meeting of Friends, which seeming appropriate and satisfactory we direct that it be signed and sent as indicated.

Nanking Yearly Meeting added to list

Rachel Mostrom asked that the new Yearly Meeting in Nanking, China, be remembered with a copy of the general epistle and this will be added to the list of Yearly Meetings with whom we correspond.

Report of Board of Young Friends Activities

64 The Board of Young Friends Activities told of endeavors and accomplishments during the past twelve months and enlarged on the program followed by the Junior Yearly Meeting and the Young Friends. Some one hundred and fifty young people have been brought together in the older and younger groups combined, and the daily instruction, worship periods, and social contacts have been stimulating and worthwhile. (See printed Minutes, pages 62-63 for report of Young Friends)

Rufus M. Jones paid tribute to the growing value of the work being carried on by our younger Friends. James A. Coney expressed the feeling of the Meeting in thanking the leaders who have given so much time and energy, among them Lindley J. Cook, Helen N. Cates, Corona R. Cook, Morris L. Austin, + George Cates.

65 Charles M. and Caroline R. Woodman have been in attendance at some of our sessions and have been recognized with welcome at this time. Charles M. Woodman spoke to the subject under consideration, stressing the readiness of youth to shoulder heroic tasks and to strive to make the world a better place in which to live, to express in action the underlying personal experience of individual religion.

Junior epistle & minutes read

66 Corona R. Cook told of details of the Junior Yearly Meeting work during the week, expressing thankfulness for the firm foundation on which the organization has been builded in the past under the guidance of Harold N. Tollefson, who was unable to be present at the sessions this year. Corona Cook also read to us the Junior epistle together with the minutes of the Junior Yearly Meeting.

Peace Committee

67 The revived Peace Committee named last year has proved its right to existence and has reported several pieces of constructive work accomplished. With a full membership of six, arranged to serve in one, two, and three-year periods, its members look forward to an active program for 1936-7. Their request for a special peace speaker next Sixth Month is referred to the Calendar Committee. (For report, see pages 64-65, printed Minutes)

Work of American Friends Service Committee described

68 The American Friends Service Committee report was in hand, but not read, as its message was put into vocal form by Rufus M. Jones. He gave an intriguing story of the new ventures in view for coming days and enlarged upon the social and industrial reconstruction work which is being carried on in work camps, settlements, community centres, and the like. The Fellowship Council was explained and Friends invited to participate in extending the message of the Society.

Fellowship Council explained

Edith T. Maul described the development of industries carried on by the Mountaineer Craftsmen's Co-operative Association, furniture, needlework, metal craft and other crafts, and invited further inspection and purchase of articles on sale this week in Jordan Hall.

Emergency Peace Campaign

69 J. Lester Hankins, director for New England of the Emergency Peace Campaign, was introduced to the Meeting, giving a brief outline of the two-year program recently inaugurated.

70 The world has not yet learned the way of peace, the way of justice; it has not yet entered into the life and spirit of Christ which does away with the occasion of war. It is not enough to oppose war; other ways of settlement of disputes must be proposed. We must work along constructive lines, building up peace sentiment by education and definite political action, and by cultivating correct personal attitudes

towards race and nation. (For quotation see page 66, printed minutes.)

71 Philip C. Gifford brought to the Meeting a concern in regard to the management of finances and property. He asked that we choose a capable committee to study the whole question of investment advisers and fiduciary institutions and to report to the Permanent Board in next Second Month. A. Edward Kelsey and George G. Watkins spoke to the subject, desiring also the appointment of a wise committee to go into the entire matter. General approval of the appointment of a committee having been expressed, the presiding clerk was assigned the duty of naming three Friends to that service, it being the desire of the Meeting that Lindley M. Binford be one member of the committee.

Committee to study methods of investments &c.

72 The committee on returning minutes presented a draft of a letter. This was approved and the presiding clerk instructed to sign returning documents for our Friends, Howard W. and Edna R. Cope, Raymond and Helen T. Binford, and Edward and Ella W. Escolme.

Committee on returning minutes

73 The matter of giving certain workers who are closely identified with Friends in federated and community churches the privileges of fraternal representation has been raised. It is the feeling of the Meeting that such privilege be accorded to ministers actively engaged in meetings which are so allied with other denominational groups.

Fraternal representation granted to federated church ministers who work with Friends

74 On the recommendation of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee, James A. Coney has again been named general superintendent, with assurance of our continued support and approval.

James A. Coney re-appointed general superintendent

75 Delegates to the Five Years Meeting have conferred and have asked Lindley M. Binford and Rufus M. Jones to give a brief account of that gathering in Richmond in Tenth Month last. In all there were forty-five from New England who attended, including the delegates. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the two Friends spoke very concisely and clearly of the great value of the week of fellowship and counsel.

Report of Five Years Meeting delegates

Safe deposit of records advised

76. It has been asked by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting that Meeting records be preserved with the greatest possible

care. This advice is passed along to our constituent meetings, inviting the deposit of old records or documents either in the vault at Moses Brown School under care of the Committee on Vault and Records or in other proper fire-proof or safe deposit vaults.

77 We instruct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,550 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting. The Committee is given power to use discretion in condensing reports or in omitting reports received from outside organizations.

1550 copies of Minutes to be printed

78 Three copies of the printed Minutes of 1935 have been duly certified and deposited in the vault of Moses Brown School.

Certified copies of Minutes deposited in safe

79 Committee organizations have been sent in. ✓

80 We instruct our clerks to make any necessary extracts from the Minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

81 To the Ocean Park Assembly and the New England Baptist Conference, to Charles E. Hamlen and Clarence B. Mitchell, and to each and all of their many associates and helpers this Meeting hereby tenders cordial thanks for courteous attention and friendly assistance during our sessions.

Thanks to Ocean Park, &c

82 The Permanent Board in Second Month last by direction of the Yearly Meeting fixed the place of meeting for 1937 as Ocean Park, Maine. The Yearly Meeting confirms this decision and fixes the opening date as Sixth Month 22d, 1937.

Date & place fixed for 1937 sessions

Adjourned to tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

First day afternoon, Sixth Month 28th. Met according to adjournment.

The Meeting convened in a spirit of gratitude to God for the blessings of the days past, joining under the leadership of [illegible] A. Coney and the Lawrence Choir in singing "Wonderful Words of Life" and "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling".

The concluding business was then transacted.

✓ These appear in the Directory, pages 77-87.

83 Since it was desired that the presiding clerk act as one member of the committee to be named by him to study the question of the care of the finances and property of the Yearly Meeting, the suggestion was made that a committee of five would be a more satisfactory appointment. The Meeting agreed to this and directed that five members be named, the presiding clerk to be one of the number.

in re committee
to study
investment methods

84 The committee named to choose representatives from this Meeting to attend the Friends World Conference consists of Lindley M. Binford, James A. Coney, and A. Edward Kelsey. The fourteen representatives must be selected from Friends who have signed registration blanks. The blanks are in the hands of the committee and will be supplied on request.

Committee
to choose
representatives
to 1937
Friends World
Conference

Turning from business to the religious meeting, an anthem was sung by the Lawrence choir: "The Radiant Morn has Passed Away". Edward Escolme and Walter Hastings voiced the petitions of the meeting in earnest prayer for Divine guidance and the infilling of the Spirit. Edna K. Cope and Laura Hastings sang "I Stand all Amazed at the Grace Jesus Offers Me".

An offering was taken for the work of the Evangelistic Committee.

Sermon of
Howard W. Cope

Howard W. Cope gave the message of the afternoon, discussing spiritual verities, from the text "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see". Christianity must be a religion of spiritual verities or it is less than nothing. It must also be a religion of experience. Orthodoxy of life is more important than any creedal statement. Paul affirmed, "I know whom I have believed". John said: "We know that we have passed from death into life because we love the brethren". Too many preachers and Christians have lost the positive element. Does a man say "I don't believe in conversion"? That can be said only by one who hasn't had the experience of conversion. Next must come expression in the life of the individual. He must throw himself out into activity or he cannot remain Christian. The important thing is to be able to present evidence to back up his claim. The test will come tomorrow as to our relationship to God, when we leave this hallowed place.

85 Concluding Minute These days of fellowship and inspiration have led us to a clearer understanding of our individual responsibility in connection with the alleviation of human need in all walks of life and in all classes of society.

The interpretation of the philosophy of life through the stirring spiritual messages of visiting Friends has been clear and convincing, and a desire for more devoted service on the part of many has been created and stimulated.

A remarkable spirit of harmony and friendly consideration for the viewpoint of others has prevailed in all our deliberations, due to the conscious overshadowing of the Divine presence and an evident determination to co-operate in unifying our forces as we plan for future undertakings.

The large attendance of Juniors and Young Friends and their earnestness in the responsibilities which they have assumed in their various programs and services of worship have been most encouraging.

Having been refreshed spiritually by this wayside experience we now return to our various fields of service, praying for Divine wisdom and guidance as we seek truly to represent our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the daily contacts of life.

Having accomplished the purposes of our gathering, we conclude, purposing to gather in 1937 in Ocean Park, Maine, on the 22d of Sixth Month, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,

Lindley J. Binford Presiding Clerk
Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk

1937

Nominating Committee.

Rhode Island -	Charles H. White	L. R[illegible]
Salem -	Winslow H. Osborne	Blanche R. Howland
Sandwich -	Annie O. Rose	James Wild
Falmouth -	John C. Satchell	Harvey J[illegible]
Smithfield -	Susan L. Dow[1]	Catharine M. Frazer
Vassalboro -	Eva Pratt Owen	Elda R. Henderson
Dover -	Lucy H. Meader	Myron J. Jenness
Fairfield -	Emeline M. Hawkes[2]	As[illegible]
Parsonsfield -	Josephine H. Carr	Annie M. Weeks

[1] Mabel A. Frazer substituted

[2] Sophia E. Hawkes substituted

Delegates to World Conference

Named by Yearly Meeting:

Helen T. Gifford, Helen N. Cates, Alfred Osborne, Sophia E. Hawkes, Charles H. White, Alice C. Gifford, Miriam E. Jones, Philip M. Kelsey, Robert W. Wilson, Dorothy Ann Gardyne, Onslow W. Comstock, Oliver M. Frazer, George R. Hutchinson, Jennie W. Gifford

Named by World Conference Committee, additional to fill unused quotas in other Yearly Meetings:

Elizabeth L. Peaslee, James Wild, David L. Davidson, Mabel C. Moody, A. Harford Crosman, Winslow H. Osborne, L. Ralston Thomas, Charlotte Winnemore, Edna B. Hutchinson, Dorothy W. Gifford, Harold N. Tollefson, Alice H. Macomber, Russell H. White, Alice F. Crosman, Paul K. Edw[illegible], Wilmot R. Jones

Members of World Conference Committee:

Lindley M. Burford, James A. Coney,

Members of World Conference Commissions:

Rufus M. Jones, Wilbur K. Thomas, Phillips Bradley

Appointed by World Conference Committee by reason of secretarial positions held under American Friends Service Committee:

Harold J. Chance, George A. Selleck

Member of "Recording Committee" of World Conference:

Lyra Trueblood Wolkins

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England convened in Ocean Park, Maine, in its two hundred seventy-seventh annual session, for worship and the transaction of business, beginning at 9.30 a.m. on the 23d day of Sixth Month, 1937.

2. As the meeting settled into silence for the devotional period, the presiding clerk read the epistle from New Zealand Friends assembled in their twenty-eighth general meeting, in Wanganui, in 1936. "God expresses Himself in the world through human lives, which dedicated to His love and service, hear and obey His word. How great, then, is the call to know Him more really and to follow Him more closely, so that we ourselves become His living message."

Rufus M. Jones reminded us of the lines in the hymn by Henry F. Lyte,

"Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me,"

confirming our faith that there is something that abides and is eternal on which we can stay ourselves in the midst of the shifting scene.

Prayer, spoken and silent, led the meeting to the throne of grace where we received refreshment and strength to meet the opportunities and responsibilities that open before us during the sessions of this week.

Welcome to Ocean Park

3. Charles E. Hamlen brought greetings and welcome on behalf of the Ocean Park Association and the New England Baptist Conference, extending to members of the Yearly Meeting the freedom and hospitality of Ocean Park.

4. From the several Quarterly Meetings there have been sent in names of representatives as provided for by Discipline. Eighty Friends were appointed, seventy-four were in attendance. Twelve alternates were named and ten attended. Substitutions in the list brought the total attendance to eighty.

Rhode Island Willis H. White, Elizabeth J. Trout, Archie E. Luther, Charles H. White, Helen T. Gifford, Alice R. Jackson, L. Ralston Thomas, Mary X. Harvey, Philip C. Gifford, Louisa White,✓ Mildred Wood.✓

Alternates: Margaret G. Sisson, Louisa White.

Salem A. Ella Harris, Mary W. Jones, Joseph Batty, Winslow H. Osborne, Marion E. Kelsey, Bessie Stott, George A. Selleck, Emily Batty, Alfred Osborne, Blanche R. Howland, Winnifred C. Moody, Harriet E. MacLean, Gertrude W. Osborne.✓

Alternates: Gertrude W. Osborne, A. Edward Kelsey.

Westport [illegible] Hill, Joseph L. Hiller, Alice T. Gardner, Lois H. Bowerman, Edith Westgate, Annie E. Rose, Mary E. Howland, Edward L. Macomber, Alice C. Gifford, Alvano C. Goddard.✓

Alternates: Alvano C. Goddard, Thomas A. Tripp, Mabel Macomber.

Falmouth Mary P. Ware, Lucy C. Graham, Laura E. Jones, M. Melvin Bailey, Marian F. Cox, John C. Gatchell, Corona R. Cook, Frederick C. Dearborn, Alberta W. Millward, Cora E. Wiggin, Harvey Jones.

Alternates: Edna B. Hutchinson, Frank Marstaller, Lettie M. Bailey.

Fraternal Delegate: Clarence H. Clark.

Smithfield Albert E. Todd, Bertha M. Cole, Ella Taylor, Harold N. Tollefson, Susan L. Dow, Agnes W. Harrison, Mabel A. [illegible], Catherine M. Frazer, Arthur W. Hawkes, Lillian Wheeler,✓ Clara Peters,✓ Lessie Armstrong.✓

Vassalboro Edith Priest Whitten, Margaret A. Cates, Elda R. Henderson, Robert B. Owen, Eva Pratt Owen, Celia Kent, Alice W. Jones, Ralph Austin, Elam Henderson,✓ Rufus M. Jones.✓

Dover Myron I. Jenness, Walter S. Meader, Mildred Richardson, Arthur M. Hussey, Lucy W. Meader, [illegible] M. Teague, Robert Jenness.

Alternates: Bertha Richardson, Faith M. Wood.

Fairfield. Arthur Jones, Alice A. Clough, Alice L. Fern, Sophia E. Hawkes, Emeline M. Hawkes, Albert N. Smith.

Parsonsfield Annie M. Weeks, Josephine H. Carr, Emily M. Jones.*

Appointments by Quarterly Meetings 5. In our hearing have been read appointments made by Quarterly Meetings to the Nominating and Finance Committees. Superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, Missions, and Bible Schools have also been duly named. All these appointments have been confirmed.

Information from Quarterly Meetings 6. Items of information coming from Quarterly Meetings have been read. (For report, see printed Minutes, page 5.)

* Deceased 6 Mo. 2, 1927.

✓ Named by representatives in accordance with Minute 14.

7. Acceptably present with us are these Friends:

Visiting Friends — Florence N. Hanson, with a visiting letter signed by the clerks of Oskaloosa Monthly Meeting and Oskaloosa Quarterly Meeting, Iowa Yearly Meeting.

(Arthur) J. Mekeel, with a letter of introduction from New York Yearly Meeting in session in Poughkeepsie, Fifth Month 26th to 30th.

The Meeting welcomes these Friends and extends to them liberty for service as the Lord may lead.

Committee to prepare returning minutes — 8. Walter S. Meader and Alvano C. Goddard are named as a committee to prepare returning minutes for our visiting Friends.

9. A summary of the minutes of the Permanent Board has been read by the clerk of that body, Alfred Osborne. The Meeting confirmed and ratified the several decisions of the Board, including the adoption of the Budget of $8,000 for 1937-38.

Permanent Board records — Extracts from records of the Permanent Board

The Board approves the report of the Finance Committee recommending a budget of $8,000 for 1937-38, apportioned as follows:

$ 3,000 for Friends activities of the Five Years Meeting
5,000 for Yearly Meeting purposes as follows:
$1,000 to be applied to the payment of debts
3,700 Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee
150 Board of Young Friends Activities
100 Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of the Liquor Traffic
75 Committee on Bible Schools and Religious Education
25 Peace Committee

The Yearly Meeting treasurer is authorized to pay the $3,000 designated for the Five Years Meeting in twelve equal monthly instalments.

$ 300 of the $3,000 designated for the Five Years Meeting is hereby specifically designated for the use of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs.

We approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Frederick C. Dearborn and Joseph L. Hiller serve as auditors for the Yearly Meeting treasurer's accounts for the year ending Sixth Month, 1937. (For balance of records of the Permanent Board, see printed minutes, pp. 6-7)

Summary of American epistles

10. An unusually interesting summary of the eleven epistles from Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting, prepared under care of the Correspondence Committee, has been read. We are impressed by the strength of many of these letters, revealing an earnest seeking after the will of God for the present-day world. "We must live as if the Kingdom of God were here now."

Various epistles read

11. Epistles have come to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England from many Yearly Meetings in this and other countries, bringing fraternal greetings and minutes of exercise and concern. Rufus M. Jones gave a brief outline of the origin and status of the various divisions and groups of Friends in the United States.

Chosen for reading in this session was first the epistle from New England Yearly Meeting, Westerly, R. I. Westerly Friends point out that "only a mighty flowing of Divine life into society can change it, and individuals must be the channels for that flow. This attempt to lift life above the petty details of every day to a point where we can be continually aware of God's plan for us is not an uninspiring duty but a tremendous adventure."

The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity included with their letter a "minute of exercises", which stressed the importance of the part played by each individual in the co-operative endeavor of the church. "No group is too small, no person too un-important to be used. We must sanctify ourselves to the Master's service and go forward with single minded purpose to meet the present stupendous social and economic problems, willing to suffer, if need be, and to sacrifice all in upholding the standards of Christ."

The Yearly Meeting of Friends in Cuba told us of their longing for a "campaign of evangelism and love, thus fulfilling the commandment of our Saviour .... 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.'"

French Friends sent their twelfth annual letter, picturing their meetings for worship, their desire to accept their social responsibilities, and their ideals of brotherhood beyond the social and political barriers raised by man.

From Stockholm, Friends in Sweden in their second Yearly assembly greeted Friends over the world with the cheering announcement of their recognition by the national authorities as a separate religious body.

The Religious Society of Friends in Ireland, meeting in Dublin from the 29th of Fourth Month to the 3d of Fifth Month, 1937, expresses its faith in the way of Christ as the solution for the conflict between good and evil which is challenging the Christian church today. "If we would maintain the testimonies of our Society, if we would respond to the urgent appeal for leadership today, we are bound to seek to know and to understand the life and teaching, the death and resurrection of the 'man Christ Jesus.'"

Florence N. Hanson
on Swedish
Friends

Florence N. Hanson described her vivid memory of a visit many years ago when, in company with her father, John Frederick Hanson, she visited meetings of Friends in Sweden, and her joy in their organization into a Yearly Meeting with government recognition. Rufus M. Jones added words regarding Scandinavian Quakerism, its rise and development, and the possibilities of its constructive contribution to the Society of Friends. Elizabeth J. Trout stressed the need of a vision of the Lord and the personal response of His followers to the call for service.

Augustus W. Benedict
and
Arthur Santmier
removed
from our limits

12. Augustus W. Benedict, having removed from the limits of this Yearly Meeting to New York Yearly Meeting, asks to be released from committee obligations. Arthur Santmier has also left New England for work in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Nominating Committee is directed to present names to fill the vacancies on committees created by these removals.

Message to
Sarah J. Swift

13. We direct that a message of loving greeting be sent to Sarah J. Swift.

14. The representatives are asked to meet at the rise of this meeting to nominate Friends to serve the Yearly Meeting as clerks. They are also instructed to nominate two persons to serve as pages. Vacancies in delegations or on the Nominating Committee may be filled, if desired.

Adjourned to 3.45 this afternoon.
Afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

15. The representatives reported nominations, as follows:

Presiding Clerk,	Lindley M. Winford
Recording Clerk,	Lyra T. Wolkins
Reading Clerks:	John C. Gatchell
	Helen T. Gifford

The nominations are approved by the Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to the several positions for one year or until their successors are selected.

The representatives also suggested the names of Wilbesta C. Moody and Virginia Bascom to serve as pages and their appointments are confirmed.

16. There have been submitted certain substitutions in delegations and on the Nominating Committee, according to permission given.

17. A telegram of greeting has come from Arthur and Alice
message from the Santmiers Santmier: "Our affectionate prayers and wishes are yours on this occasion. May God's spirit move upon and surround the meeting, confirming spiritual recovery and renewing godly concerns. Remember the seed of God reigns and is atop of the devil and all his works. Go forward to victory with Christ."

18. Mary Emma Howland who is present at our sessions is attending this Yearly Meeting for the fiftieth time.

19. There are with us this afternoon three visiting Friends who are welcomed to the freedom of the meeting:

S. Emily Parker, former secretary of the Young Friends Board of the Five Years Meeting, now working with the Spain Committee and the United Youth Movement as relief worker for Spain.

Montclair E. Hoffman present

Montclair E. Hoffman of Jamaica, retiring Headmaster of Oak Grove School, now released for service as field agent for the school.

Joseph Lippincott, member of Coulter Street Meeting, Germantown, Pennsylvania, serving as pastor in Gonic this summer.

Report of Committee on Disbursement of Income of H.H. Mosher Fund.

20. More-general distribution of "The American Friend" has been made possible through the money in care of the Committee on Disbursement of the Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund, as shown by reports following: (see printed Minutes pages 10-11)

Deceased Friends

21. Deeply affected by the passing from works to reward of a large number of our well-loved members and fellow-workers, this Meeting is solemnized with the responsibility that rests upon us to assume the duties they have so well and faithfully performed.

Memorials read

Memorials sent in from their meetings and forwarded by the Permanent Board have been read in our hearing for three ministers of the Gospel, John Metcalfe, Nancy A. H. Chace, and Alfred T. Ware, and for Edith A. Roberts, clerk of Worcester Monthly Meeting.

Others who have entered into the larger life are George W. Varney, Emma F. R. Goddard, Emma M. Viney, Minnie E. Morse, and Ethel E. Westgate, who have held the station of elder in their respective meetings; Sarah D. Holmes, an elder and an overseer, valued member of many Yearly Meeting committees; Hannah Carslee, and Emma R. Sawyer, loyal workers in home meetings; Mary A. Dow, a teacher of ability and influence, whose long years of invalidism did not dim her Christian faith or fortitude; Emily M. Jones, an elder, clerk of Parsonsfield Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, for eighteen years a reading clerk of the Yearly Meeting, for forty-one years a member of the Moses Brown School Committee, and devoted member of other Yearly Meeting committees; Eliza M. Allen, in her one hundredth year, devoted Friend and faithful to the interests of her local meeting.

Then we paused in silent tribute to their memory and in grateful acknowledgment of their years of devotion to their Lord and Saviour. "We are comrades of those who are gone; though death separate us, their work, their fortitude, their love shall be ours, and we will adventure with hope, and in the spirit of strength of our great Comrade of Galilee, Who was acquainted with grief, and knew the shadow of Gethsemane, to fight the good fight of faith." √

22. By provision of the program, the afternoon session was largely devoted to missionary interests at home and abroad. Mary P. Ware read to the Meeting the annual report of the American Friends Board of Missions.

Report of Missionary Committee.

Through Frances E. Wheeler, chairman, the Missionary Committee presented its yearly account of work done, vivid word-pictures of human needs on the foreign field, and an earnest appeal for enlargement of our interest and for more generous giving. Mary Hill Binford gave a résumé of statistical and financial reports from thirty-one of our local meetings, urging greater care in keeping records and stricter accuracy in replying to questions on the report blanks. (see printed Minutes, pp. 12-13)

Montclair E. Hoffman brought greetings from Jamaica, expressing gratitude for help from this Yearly Meeting for the work in that Island. A. Edward Kelsey read a letter from Khalil Totah, telling of the prospect that he with his wife and family would soon return to this country for a furlough, to visit meetings, and to attend the World Conference in Ninth Month. Rufus M. Jones told of the Lowell Jones Memorial Reading Room in the Boys School in Ram Allah established many years ago in memory of his son, the gift coming in the first instance from young schoolmates of Lowell Jones at Friends School.

Letter from Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs

23. Indian interests have been brought to our attention by the reading of a letter to the Yearly Meeting written by Ruthanna M. Simms, executive secretary of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs. (see printed Minutes, pp. 13-14)

√ John Wilhelm Rowntree – "In Memoriam"

Report of Woman's Missionary Society

24. We have been given further items of missionary activity through reports from the Woman's Missionary Society.
(For reports, see pages 14-16)

Board of Christian Education of Five Years Meeting instituted.

25. S. Emily Parker explained to the meeting the organization of the new Board of Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting to take the place formerly filled by two boards now laid down, that of Religious Education and the Young Friends Board.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Fifth day morning, Sixth Month 24th. Convened at the hour appointed.

London Epistle read

26. After moments of worship, the meeting listened to the London General Epistle with its emphasis on dedication to the service of our fellows. They feel the importance of building up the family of Christ and a deep need for a ministry of freedom. With them "we pray that we may become a holy people, dedicated to the service of God and the fellowship of all men, that so we may bring to a divided world a message of light and peace. All life is one; all ways may be sacramental; all the earth is God's holy ground."

27. Elizabeth B. Jones, recording clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, held at Fourth and Arch Streets, is welcomed at this time.

28. A letter of greeting from Walter C. Woodward brought wishes for a successful Yearly Meeting.

29. By cable came a message from Khalil Totah: "Mission where you have poured so much affection and devotion send their love. God bless New England Yearly Meeting."

Maine State Preaching Mission endorsed

30. The presiding clerk read to us a minute from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting regarding the preaching mission program in the State of Maine. We endorse the work of the mission and authorize the Evangelistic Committee to represent us as they deem wise in plans for state work.

31. Proceeding to consideration of State of Society as arranged for the day, the presiding clerk gave a digest of the yearly statistics.✓ There have been eighty-nine additions and 107 losses, a net loss of eighteen. The figures in the column of loss include forty deaths and forty-eight removals by letter and certificate. Three Quarterly Meetings report net gains: Rhode Island, eight; Sandwich, four; Smithfield, seven.

State of Society

Statistics

We are startled by the small proportion of increase in membership that comes from admission by convincement or from transfer from associate to active membership. While we acknowledge the importance of accuracy in statistics, we must not forget the deeper matter of revival of spiritual life, which may or may not be indicated by tabular statements.

32. Consideration of spiritual condition of meetings and individuals came before the Meeting with the reading of a summary of reports from the several Quarterly Meetings. There are indications of enlarging interest in missions, a deepening sense of personal responsibility in the worship and service of the meeting, a real effort to uphold the standard of Christian practice in home and community, a growing concern relative to the privilege of stewardship. One meeting reports a need of greater consecration of our resources to the end of upbuilding the Kingdom of God; another a definite need for teachers with greater depth of spiritual understanding; a third, more systematic support of missions through the United Budget.

Spiritual condition — summary of reports

33. A message of sympathy is directed sent to our aged Friend, Henry F. Newell, of South Durham.

34. The Yearly Meeting is under deep obligation to the earnest, continuous, prayerful labors of the members of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee. James A. Corey, secretary of the committee and general superintendent, read the survey of the twelve months of service in our field, enlivening written word with incident and comment.

Report of Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee

That our meetings for worship may be "held in the life,"

✓Printed Minutes - table inside back cover that Christ may be all in all to individuals and to groups, that service may not be self-centered but in and to the world of needy men, a living Christianity, is the evident desire of the concerned members of the Yearly Meeting. In the words of the epistle to all Friends sent by the Fritchley General Meeting, held in Fritchley, England, in Fifth Month of this year, "May we all, through increased consecration of heart become more united in this universal and eternal Love, being willing to suffer, if need be, in the doing of what we feel is the Divine will. So shall we shine with a brighter light and receive an increase of power to gather others to Christ." (For report see printed minutes, pages 18-21)

Message from Junior Yearly Meeting

35. Our youthful Friends of the Junior Yearly Meeting have sent this letter by Ellen [illegible] and Herbert Cates, as message-bearers, which has been received by the Meeting with interest. Several have spoken of their joy in the splendid work which has developed so satisfactorily under excellent and trained leadership. Rufus M. Jones and Frances E. Wheeler are named to carry our returning message.
(see p.21, printed Minutes)

36. General discussion ensued on the topic of the day. Alvano C. Goddard stressed the importance of the opening moments in the meeting for worship when reverence and solemnity should prevail. Rufus M. Jones rejoiced in the encouragements evident in spite of weaknesses and untouched needs and felt thankful for the diagnosis by James A. Corey in the survey of the field. Others sharing in consideration of the subject were Mabel C. Moody, Oscar G. Mostrom, and Charles H. White.

Philip C. Gifford resigns from Bible School Comtee

37. Philip C. Gifford asked to be released from his appointment on the Bible School Committee. His request is granted.

38. Certain nominations to committees have been received and the appointments confirmed.✓

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

✓ Appointments appear in Directory of printed Minutes

Afternoon. Met at the hour of appointment.

39. From our Friends of Muncie, Indiana, Walter and Laura Hastings, who met with us in acceptable fellowship last year, we have received a letter of friendly wishes. (See p.22, printed Minutes)

Letter from Walter Hastings and wife

40. Charles M. and Caroline R. Woodman have come into the meeting at this time and have been welcomed.

Charles M. and Caroline Woodman present

41. Josephine H. Carr, superintendent of Bible Schools and Religious Education, presented reports which included statistics from twenty-seven First day Schools. There have been generous expressions of appreciation for her devotion to the work of religious education in our Yearly Meeting field.

(See report, in printed Minutes, pp. 22-23)

Report of Committee on Bible Schools & Religious Education

42. Rev. Harry B. Titus of Portland, executive secretary of the Maine State Council of Religious Education, was then introduced. In his study of "An adequate program of Religious Education", there were brought to our attention certain important points. Much work formerly done by the Sunday School is being carried forward in summer camps, scout organizations, week day religious education, all under excellent Christian leadership. There is need for wider use of Biblical and religious literature, more practical leadership training, a deepening of the channels of religious life, stronger peace attitudes, more understanding relationships between adults and children, sharing of experience, fuller enrichment of life, and the right kind of example that will influence youth.

Address by Rev. H. B. Titus on Bible Schools

43. In the discussion that followed, Harold N. Tollefson told of the attempt in Rhode Island to initiate a program of religious education either in the school buildings or in the churches. Woonsocket is being used as an experiment station. Rufus M. Jones criticized the idea that prevails in some quarters that it is unwise to teach children Bible passages or Friends principles lest they have something to unlearn later in life. Josephine Carr has found a very diverse type of Sunday School lesson helps in use, as many as four or

five denominational publications being used in one school. James A. Coney is concerned that Friends literature be used wherever possible. A. Edward Kelsey values highly the memorizing of passages of Scripture. S. Emily Parker desires that Friends may more definitely correlate their Bible School and meeting programs. Charles M. Woodman has described for us the "preparation classes" used in West Richmond meeting to lead young persons progressively to a point where a personal decision is made with real comprehension of the step involved.

44. Reverting to the subject of the church extension and evangelistic work of the Yearly Meeting, Charles H. White opened to us his concern for leadership in meeting and community in face of our small financial resources and our need for volunteers for actual church and community work. Can we evolve a scheme whereby our young people and juniors may be given opportunity for service? Varying points of view were expressed by Elam Henderson, Edna C. Haviland, Oliver M. Frazer, Gertrude H. Smith, Alvano C. Goddard, Rufus M. Jones, Rebecca Wild, Alfred Osborne, Florence N. Henson, Archie E. Luther, Marion E. Kelsey.

Appreciation of work of James A. Coney

45. Walter S. Meader has spoken with deep appreciation of the fine efforts of James A. Coney as he travels about in our communities, often accompanied by young people. In this expression of gratitude Friends unanimously concurred.

Committee to be named to originate projects for extension work

46. Approval has been expressed that a committee be named to work out a plan for developing and training leaders. The presiding clerk and the superintendent are asked to choose a committee which shall work with and under direction of the Evangelistic Committee in definite projects for extension work in which both older and younger Friends may effectively cooperate. Rufus M. Jones suggested that some financial help might be forthcoming if application were made to the Fellowship Council of the American Friends Service Committee.

S. Emily Parker on Spanish Relief

47. S. Emily Parker presented items in connection with her work with the Committee on Spain under the American Friends Service Committee, describing attitudes and projects leading to constructive peace action.

Nominations confirmed

48. Nominations presented at this meeting have been agreed to and the appointments made.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Sixth day morning, Sixth Month 25th. Met according to adjournment.

49. The meeting assembled under the Divine covering and John C. and Dorothy Pratt Gatchell led us into an attitude of worship with a 'cello and piano duet, "O Master, let me walk with Thee". Laura A. Ellison encouraged to constant dependence on God for the supply of all our needs, "and the peace of God shall keep your hearts and minds."

49. Through the reading of the epistle from Vienna, Austria, written in Third Month of this year, we are brought into renewed fellowship with our Friends across seas. With them we can say that "we know that Christ was right when He brought to the world the law of love, on which all human civilization rests".

Japan Yearly Meeting in twenty-first annual gathering in Mito, Ibaraki, Japan, in Fourth Month, has issued a friendly and heartening letter to Friends everywhere to which we have given careful attention. Their confidence in the necessity of worldwide co-operation appeals to us and we agree with them that "as we view the present currents of life and thought, these seem to be moving straight against the faith and message of Friends. But we discern that our present mission is not simply to criticize, oppose, or protest against these currents. We are called to demonstrate that our faith is the key to the solution of the difficult problems of our day. This demonstration can be made only through a great creative spirit and by full accord in co-operative work."

50. A telegram of loving sympathy is directed sent to our dear invalid Friend, Mary Ling Gifford.

Report of Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

51 The promotion of community welfare and the suppression of the liquor traffic were presented as of the utmost importance to the life of the church as well as to the amelioration of human society. A. Edward Kelsey read the annual report, strengthening its appeal with illustration and argument. Corona R. Cook and George L. Crosman voiced deep concern for effective temperance education. (report appears on pages 26-28, printed Minutes)

Request of Bible School Committee approved

52. The Meeting approves the request of the Committee on Bible Schools that the number of members be reduced to six as soon as possible, appointing only two each year, the Quarterly Meeting superintendents of Bible Schools to be included as heretofore in the associate membership of the committee.

Committee on Education reports

53. A financial statement from the Committee on Education has been read and the work of the treasurer of the committee, George L. Crosman, commended, as he has been able to secure repayment of so satisfactory a number of loans. (see pages 28-29, printed Minutes)

School Reports

54. School reports introduced the ever-important topic of Quaker education. L. Ralston Thomas, headmaster, read the account of Moses Brown School; Frances E. Wheeler, head mistress, the report of Lincoln School; Robert E. Owen, on behalf of [illegible] Pratt Owen and himself, principals, the report of Oak Grove School. All these splendid reviews were made under the authority of the respective managing committees. Remarks of appreciation were made by George L. Crosman, A. Edward Kelsey, Willis H. White, Corona R. Cook, and Rufus M. Jones. (reports are on pages 29-38, printed Minutes)

55 We are minded to quote words from an epistle issued in 1695 from Bristol Yearly Meeting, making them an expression of our satisfied opinion as to what our schools are accomplishing as far as may be possible. "This Meeting

do desire that where Friends can, they would get such schools and schoolmasters for their children, as may bring them up in the fear of the Lord and love of His truth, that so they may not only learn to be scholars, and Christians also."

(continue quotation on p. 37)

56. George A. Selleck described the Institute of International Relations which will be held in Wellesley, Massachusetts, in sixth annual session from Sixth Month 29 to Seventh Month 9, inviting Friends to attend, if possible. Madeleine Walenta commended the valuable work being done at these institutes.

57. Alice Whittier Jones asked to be released from Yearly Meeting appointment on the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs. Her request is granted and the Nominating Committee asked to name another member.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Seventhday morning, Sixth Month 26th. Convened at the appointed hour.

58. Uniting with us in the opening period of worship were the members of the Junior Yearly Meeting, some sixty in number. Singing their junior hymn, "I would be true, for there are those who trust me", and their rally song, "Juniors, from the inland cities, From Atlantic's surge and roll, From the hills of Maine, New Hampshire, Listen to our Friendly call": they inspired us to look forward to better days to come, in devotion, in action, and in leadership in the Yearly Meeting field.

Rufus M. Jones spoke from the account in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews of the heroes of the faith, describing this roll as the Westminster Abbey of the Bible. These men and women lived and died for ideals they never saw attained. A succession of youth filling up the ranks in the Society of Friends is the only way by which in time it may be "made perfect". After our failing hands have relinquished the banners, those who enter into our labors will win victories and will advance the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

59. Greetings and inspiration were borne to us from the hills and plains of Palestine as we heard the epistle from Syria and Palestine Yearly Meeting, in session at Ram Allah in Third Month of this year. We join in their confidence that "Christ will again speak to the condition of all men and parties" in their land, and are challenged by the "evidences of new life in ancient faiths to dedicate ourselves anew to the spreading of Christ's Kingdom in the hearts and lives of men".

The eleventh Yearly Meeting of Friends in Germany, in assembly in Bad Pyrmont in Fifth Month, 1936, assures us that "never has the meaning of the word 'Friend' appeared to them" more tender, more beautiful, more instinct with the call of duty, than today, when all who call themselves Christians bear a personal, inescapable responsibility – responsibility for the carrying to its completion in this world of the Master's work".

60 Alfred Osborne brought tribute to the service as member and secretary of the Board of Care and Relief of our beloved Friend, Emily M. Jones, whose earthly life came to so sudden a close on the 2d day of this month.

A résumé of the year's accomplishments with financial statement has been given. (Report is on pp. 41-42 of printed Minutes)

61 The Committee on the Sarah W. Pope Dixon Trust presented the accompanying statement of the present condition of the fund and of the application of income to intended purposes. Oscar F. Mostrom, Willis H. White, and Walter H. Weber spoke to the value of the Home in Amesbury and of their appreciation of the work of the two committees in carrying out the provisions of the Dixon will. The desire has been expressed that Friends may be served by the Home as fully as need may indicate.

(See pp. 42-43 for printed report)

62 In considering the ever important topic of Yearly Meeting finances, the annual report of the treasurer, George G. Wilkins, was read by him in detail. The endorsement of the auditors, duly attached, revealed the usual meticulous examination of all books, accounts,

and vouchers. The treasurer's report with its complete account of receipts and disbursements of Yearly Meeting current funds and United Budget moneys was approved and accepted.

Charles H. White, Rufus M. Jones, Willis H. White, Thomas L. Tripp and others spoke to the report in appreciation of the generous and capable service of the treasurer. Mary P. Nye expressed her disappointment that United Budget receipts have fallen off. James R. Boney voiced his conviction that there is a vital connection between Christian faith and devotion and Christian giving.

Treasurer's report summarized

Report of the Treasurer ✓

6 Mo. 27, 1936 to 6 Mo. 22, 1937

Receipts

Receipts	On hand, 6 Mo. 27, 1936		
	Cash, demand deposit (Second Nat'l Bank, Boston)	$ 777 82	
	Cash, Savings Dept. 2d Natl. Bank, Emergency Fund for ministers et. al.	106 55	
	Cash, Savings Dept. Newton Trust Company	119 70	$ 1,004 07
	Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
	The Quarterly Meetings.	1,356 11	
	Sales of "Discipline"	16 00	1,372 11
	Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1936-37):		
	Local Meetings in the Quarterly Meeting	3,472 74	
	Individual subscriptions	1,886 00	
	Woman's Missionary Society of Yearly Meeting	500 00	
	Junior Yearly Meeting	10 00	5,868 74
	Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1935-36):		
	Subscriptions to the deficit		266 50
	Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1937-38):		
	Local Meetings	178 57	
	Individual subscriptions	615 00	
	Woman's Missionary Society of Yearly Meeting	40 00	833 57
	Sundries:		
	Special Easter offering, 1937	21 25	
	Subscriptions specially designated	67 37	88 62
	Bequests of Alice A. Rage		8,000 00
	Yearly Meeting Committees:		
	Evangelistic	3,990 51	
	Missionary	32 03	
	Bible Schools & Religious Education	57 10	
	Carried forward	4,079 64	17,433 61

✓ Summarized. For full report see pages 44 to 51 of printed Minutes of 1937

Brought forward		$4,079 64	$17,433 61
Yearly Meeting Committees (cont.)			
Community Welfare &c		66 79	
S. N. P. Dixon Trust		3,553 87	7,700 30
Interest credited, Savings account, Emergency Fund, Ministers Hall.			1 86
			$ 25,135 77

Payments

Payments

Yearly Meeting Current Funds:			
Expenses sessions, 1936		55 00	
Expenses visiting ministers, 1936		100 10	
Bible Half Hour, four ministers		20 00	
Lindley M. Burford presiding clerk		50 00	
Lyra T. Wolkins, recording clerk		25 00	
Premium on treasurer's surety bond		12 50	
Printed "Minutes", 1936, 1500 copies		468 00	
Additional for sewing binding		13 00	
Alterations in "Minutes"		32 06	
Postage & express on "Minutes"		13 90	
Circulars (1200), postage &c., 1936		31 26	
Five Years Meeting assessment		209 40	
Interdenominational Commission of Maine		2 00	
Evangelistic Committee, toward "deficit"		500 00	
Expense items, presiding clerk		21 45	
Postal cards, recording clerk		4 50	
Postage, treasurer		11 08	
Board of Auditors, expense		52 65	
Yearly Meeting & Junior epistles (30+35)		7 50	
Friends World Conference Committee		100 00	
Programmes (500) for 1936 sessions		17 50	
Gospel Service Committee, expenses, 1935-1936		4 91	
			$ 1,751 81
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1936-37)			
To Five Years Meeting		2,941 50	
Expense items, postage, promotion letters &c.		49 88	
To Yearly Meeting Committees:			
Evangelistic	2,226 48		
Board of Young Friends	77 19		
Bible Schools	41 18		
Community Welfare	57 19		
Missionary	32 03		
Peace	25 00	2,459 07	5,450 45

Carried forward

Brought forward			$7,202 26
To Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee, on deficit			1,000 00
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1935-36)			
Subscriptions to deficit distributed to Committees:			
Evangelistic	239 86		
Young Friends	6 66		
Bible Schools	6 66		
Community Welfare	6 66		259 84
Sundry remittances:			
Special Easter offering, 1935, 1936		183 92	
American Friends Service Committee		62 15	
Junior Christmas trees		50	
Junior Yearly Meeting projects		1 68	
Workers		3 96	252 21
Legacies of Alice A. Razee paid to Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds			8,000 00
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:			
Aid of Meetings	$1,380 00		
General superintendent salary & expenses	1,962 47		
Automobile	219 77		
Wayside Pulpit mottoes	10 00		3,572 24
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee:			
Fisk University	300 00		
Calhoun Colored School	121 13		421 13
Yearly Meeting Bible School Committee			
Subscriptions to journals	27 50		
Expenses at Yearly Meeting	25		52 50
Yearly Meeting Committee on Community Welfare &c			
Rural work of Arthur Sauturier	60 00		
Exhibits, literature, addresses &c	60 00		
Delegate to Anti Saloon League	3 42		123 42
Committee on Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust			
Board of Care & Relief for Huntington Farm		2,473 00	
Record books & paper		2 40	
Francis R. Taylor:			
legal fees	750 00		
filing documents	53 80	803 80	3,279 20
			$24,162 80
On hand, to balance:			
Cash; demand deposit, Second National Bank		741 92	
Cash, Emergency Fund for Ministers, Savings Dept.		108 41	
Cash, Savings Dept. Newton Trust Company		122 64	972 97
			$25,135 77

Submitted,

George S. Watkins, Treasurer

Examined and found correct, with proper vouchers

Frederick C. Dearborn
Joseph L. Hiller
Auditors

63. From the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting came a report of examination of the condition of all Yearly Meeting property, together with books of account, records of transactions, balance sheets, vouchers, et cetera. The statement which appears hereinafter has been accepted and approved with appreciation expressed of the care given this important service.

Board of Auditors of Yearly Meeting Property report of

(for report see pages 57-53, printed Minutes)

64. Recommendations of the Finance Committee having been presented to the Meeting, we adopt them item by item, and instruct the several Quarterly Meetings to carry out each and every direction contained therein.

Recommendations of Finance Committee

Recommendations

1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $1,500 be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses during the year 1937-38, payable half on 11 Mo. 1 and the remainder on 5 Mo. 1, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $2,000 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings.

2. That the treasurer be authorized to make payments within the following appropriations:

Five Years Meeting assessment for year ending 3 Mo. 31, 1938		$225
Printing and distribution of Yearly Meeting Minutes:		
For printing	$480	
sewing binding	15	
corrections	40	
mailing express	20	
		555
Entertaining visiting ministers + other workers at sessions of Yearly Meeting		150
Expense of holding sessions in Ocean Park in 1937		100
Sundry items of expense incident to sessions		200
Arrangement of records in safe in Providence		50
Minor expenses during the year		50
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee deficit		450
		$1,780

3. That the following apportionment of the $1,500 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted for the year 1937-38

	Percentages		
Rhode Island	18	Vassalboro	6
Salem	20	Dover	5
Sandwich	16	Fairfield	9
Falmouth	13	Parsonsfield	2
Smithfield	11		

4. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings and that the clerks of Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

5. That our local meetings give most serious consideration to the requirements of the United Budget and that determined effort should be made not only to raise the entire amount authorized by the Permanent Board in 2 Mo. last but that remittances be made as nearly as possible in equal monthly instalments. Under Minute No. 30, 1927, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to send each month to the Five Years Meeting one-twelfth of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the United Budget requirement, and all local meetings are urged to co-operate in this respect.

6. That the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to borrow in the name of the Yearly Meeting such sums as may be needed to make possible equal monthly remittances of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the Five Years Meeting through United Budget requirements for the year 1937-38 and to borrow such further sums as may be needed to meet the requirements of the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee.

7. That the Finance Committee be authorized to provide for the auditing of the treasurer's accounts and that the treasurers of all committees handling funds for the Yearly Meeting be required to have their accounts audited by such persons as shall be designated by the chairman of the Finance Committee.

8. That the presiding clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the chairman of the Finance Committee, acting together, be given authority to approve the payment of charges for the entertainment of visiting ministers and others from a distance who attend the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

9. That George G. Watkins be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee,
Edward L. Macomber, Chairman

Treasurer appointed 65. George G. Wilkins is appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

66. The Gospel Service Committee of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight submitted an account of the work under its care.

Gospel Service Committee report

(Report on p. 55, printed Minutes)

67. The Correspondence Committee has presented a draft of an epistle to be sent as the message of this Meeting to Friends everywhere. We approve the document and instruct the presiding clerk to sign it on our behalf and dispatch it in due course to all organization of Friends with whom we regularly correspond as well as to any others to whom we want to send our Christian greetings. We also direct that it be given "The American Friend" for use in its columns.

Epistles from Correspondence Committee

A letter prepared for our friends of Ram Allah Monthly Meeting has been submitted and is approved and directed to be signed and sent on our behalf.

68. Rufus M. Jones and Frances C. Wheeler have returned from a visit to the Junior Yearly Meeting and they report a satisfactory sitting with our young Friends.

69. At this session we have the acceptable presence of Elizabeth M. Chace, Thomas Perry, and C. Elizabeth Perry, members of New England Yearly Meeting, Westerly, Rhode Island. Mary Tucker Howland of New Bedford has also been welcomed.

Visiting Friends from Westerly, R. I., New England Yearly Meeting

70. Nominations for committee service have been read and the Friends assigned to the positions indicated. V

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met according to appointment.

71. John Getchell, honored father of John C. Gatchell, one of our reading clerks, gave fitting tribute to the memory of our dear Friend, George W. Varney, whose life
---"glided on like rivers that water the woodlands,
Darkened by shadows of earth, but reflecting an image of heaven".

V See Committee Directory in printed Minutes

72. Clarence H. Clark, minister of Presumpscot Larger Parish, in which our Windham Meeting is included, spoke of the Rural Workers Conference which meets in Ocean Park following the adjournment of the Yearly Meeting, and expressed the hope that some Friends might attend.

73. Adelaide E. White, of High Point, North Carolina Yearly Meeting, has been recognized at this time.

74. Young Friends activities have been described in an interesting account prepared by the leaders of the Young Friends. Gratitude and satisfaction were generally voiced for the constructive work which the young Friends have developed and for the responsibilities they have assumed.

Lindley J. Cook added supplementary words. This year there have been housed on the grounds over one hundred children and young people at an average cost of two dollars each. Another year the young Friends are willing to assume raising most of this amount themselves, but they will appreciate help to carry on their projects. Harold N. Tollefson reported an enrollment of eighty-nine in the Junior Yearly Meeting this year; the peak enrollment was last year, ninety five. There were twenty seven in Junior "B" and sixty-two in Junior "A". (Report is on pp. 57-58, printed Minutes"

75. Peace Committee activities have been limited considerably by the removal from the Yearly Meeting of the concerned chairman, Augustus W. Benedict, but the other members have endeavored to carry on certain lines of educational work and expect to do more another year. (See page 58, printed Minutes)

Amer. Friends Service Committee

76. The annual report of the American Friends Service Committee was read in full at this session. Rufus M. Jones supplemented with incidents and illustrations the facts given by the Committee.

77. No better comment on the world situation and its need and the remedy can be given than is contained in the statement of the London Friends Industrial and Social Order Committee and their Peace Committee, entitled "The Path to Peace". {Quotation on page 59, of printed Minutes

78. The Friends World Conference Committee has sent a summary of

Items about World Conference

plans for the assembly at Swarthmore and Haverford in Ninth Month next. An appeal is added for financial aid for expenses of Friends coming from distant countries.

Delegates chosen to World Conference

79. The presiding clerk announced the names of the delegates chosen to represent our Yearly Meeting. Several additional places have been allotted for further representation from this Yearly Meeting, owing to quotas unused by some of the other Yearly Meetings in this country.

(For names of delegates, see page 78, printed Minutes)
-also page 58 of this record book.

Regional All-Friends Conference in Providence

80. Charles H. White explained the plans for an All-Friends regional conference to meet in Providence, Rhode Island, at Moses Brown School and Lincoln School, directly following the World Conference. The dates are fixed as Ninth Month 11th to 13th. Meetings and individuals are invited to interest themselves and co-operate in sending large delegations.

Returning Minutes for visitors

81. From the Committee on returning minutes came the draft of a letter which was approved and directed signed for our Friends, Florence N. Hanson and Arthur J. McKeel.

Investments studied

82. The committee named a year ago to study the question of investments has duly considered the matter and has made report to the Permanent Board, and the Permanent Board forwarded the suggestions to the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds.

Cablegram on Palestine

83. The cablegram on the Palestinian situation directed to be sent to the Meeting for Sufferings of London Yearly Meeting by our session last year was duly sent and acknowledgment received.

3 copies of Minutes deposited

84. Three copies of the printed Minutes of 1936 have been duly certified and deposited in the vault at Moses Brown School.

Ocean Park chosen for 1938 sessions

85. After discussion, the Yearly Meeting decided on the place and time for holding next year's session, fixing Ocean Park, Maine, as the place, and the dates as Sixth Month 21st to 26th inclusive.

James A. Coney named Superintendent

86. The appointment of James A. Coney as general superintendent recommended by the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee, has been made again, with renewed expression of confidence and approval.

1550 copies of Minutes directed printed

87. The Printing Committee is instructed to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,550 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting. The Committee is given power to use discretion in condensing reports or in omitting lengthy reports received from outside organizations.

Directions to clerks

88. Our clerks are directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

Thanks to Ocean Park

89. Gratitude and appreciation for favors and kindnesses received we tender to our hosts at Ocean Park, the New England Baptist Conference and the Ocean Park Association, and to each and all of their helpers and assistants.

Nominations completed and committee organizations sent in

90. Final nominations have been submitted and the appointments confirmed. (See printed Minutes, Directory)

91. Committee organizations have been sent in.

Recommendation on nominations sent to Permanent Board

92. The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendation, which the Meeting refers to the Permanent Board for study and decision:

In order to provide for a continuing and more effective organization and thereby make possible the development of some constructive policy with regard to nominations for Yearly Meeting committees, the Nominating Committee recommends that Quarterly Meetings be asked to appoint two members each to the Nominating Committee as at present, but for terms of two years each, the terms to expire in alternate years.

Adjourned to tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

First day afternoon, Sixth Month 27th. Met according to adjournment

The business having been accomplished at previous sessions, the entire time was given to the meeting for worship. Friends joined heartily in singing, "Faith of our Fathers", led by James A. Coney. A trio, "Oh, Jesus, I have promised, to serve

Thee to the end", was played by Frank Marstaller, violin, John C. Gatchell, 'cello, and Josephine H. Carr, piano. We then sang "Jesus, Thy boundless love to me, No thought can reach, no tongue declare." There was general participation in vocal expression by Montclair E. Hoffman, Florence N. Hanson, Josephine H. Carr, Oscar G. Mostrom, Joseph Lippincott, Alice W. Jones, Harvey Jones, Moses Bailey and Mary Emma Howland. The thought intertwining all these threads into a living whole was that these days of fellowship and living experience are to give us new courage and faith to fit us for better service. "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life".

An offering was taken for the work of the Evangelistic Committee.

Concluding Minute

93. We have gathered again this year under favorable circumstances in the midst of the music of the pines of Ocean Park, with about the usual number in attendance.

Approximately one hundred and fifty young people and juniors have supported with keen interest the various features of their daily schedule. Many of the young people have participated helpfully in the sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

A fine spirit of co-operation and earnest desire to support all measures for the promotion of worthwhile programs or projects have been in evidence. We have been deeply impressed by the need for more consecrated endeavor in our individual meetings, since in these we must find the strength of co-operative undertakings. "If the salt have lost its savour", wherewith shall human society be salted?

The fellowship and spiritual enrichment of these days has brought vision and courage as we face the needs of tomorrow. Shall we be true to this vision?

With gratitude for the overshadowing influence of the Divine Spirit as we have met the experience of these days, we conclude, purposing to meet next year in Ocean Park, Maine, from the 21st to the 26th of Sixth Month, if the Lord permit.

May "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus".

Signed on behalf of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,

Lindley M. Binford, Presiding Clerk
Lyra T. Wilkins, Recording Clerk

1938 Nominating Committee*	Rhode Island –	L. Ralston Thomas	Louisa White
	Salem –	Marion E. Kelsey	Gertrude W. Osborne
	Sandwich –	Annie E. Rose	Joseph L. Hiller
	Falmouth –	Clara W. Mumford	Lindley J. Cook
	Smithfield –	Lucia A. Wheeler	Susan L. Dow
	Vassalboro –	Elda R. Henderson	Eva Pratt Owen
	Dover –	Myron I. Jenness	Elsie F. Coney
	Fairfield –	Alice A. Clough	Sophia E. Hawkes
	Parsonsfield –	Dorothy Bickford	Ruthven A. MacDonald

* According to Minute 92, 1937, and Minute 12, 1938, these appointments are for one-year and two-year terms, those in column 1 are for one year (1938), and those in column 2 are for two years (1938 and 1939)

1938

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England convened in Ocean Park, Maine, in its two hundred and seventy-eighth annual session, for worship and the transaction of business, beginning at 9.30 a.m. on the 22d day of Sixth Month, 1938.

2. Prepared in heart and mind by solemnizing preliminary meetings for devotion and prayer, Friends settled into a listening worship with spirits attuned to the Divine voice. "Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul." A. Edward Kelsey reminded us of words in a sermon by Thomas Loe, which had great influence with William Penn in his decision to become a Quaker: "There is a faith that overcomes the world, and there is a faith that is overcome by the world."

Mary Emma Howland, who has attended fifty-one consecutive sessions of this Yearly Meeting, repeated impressively several stanzas of a hymn: "Teach us how to praise Thee, Bend our wills to Thine". We are reverently grateful to our Heavenly Father for the evident covering of Divine Love.

3. A welcome to Ocean Park was extended by Charles E. Hamlen, speaking for the Ocean Park Association and the New England Baptist Conference, with special greetings to the many young people who are present this year.

4. By accounts from the Quarterly Meetings there have been appointed seventy-four representatives and ten alternates. Fifty-eight of the representatives and six of the alternates attended. By substitution and addition the entire number present has reached sixty-two.

Rhode Island Rhode Island – Elizabeth J. Trout, Archie E. Luther, Mary A. Harvey, Laura B. Aydelott, Alice R. Jackson, Louisa White, Josephine [illegible]. Carr, Helen T. Gifford, Willis H. White, L. Ralston Thomas√, Philip C. Gifford√, Mildred Wood√, David L. Davidson√.

Alternates: Mildred Wood, Harriet E. Angle.

Salem A. Ella Clark, A. Edward Kelsey, Elizabeth L. Paslee, Mabel C. Moody, George A. Selleck, Pauline Burdett, Grace P. Atkins,

√ Named by representatives in accordance with Minute 19

Salem. Marion E. Kelsey, Annie Dernier, Gertrude W. Osborne,
Blanche R. Howland, Laura A. Pearson.
Alternates: Winnifred C. Moody, Arthur Rowley, Caleb A. Smith.

Sandwich Edward L. Macomber, Thomas A. Tripp, Joseph L. Hiller,
Mary Emma Howland, John A. Macomber, Alice T. Gardner,
Jennie W. Gifford, Annie E. Rowe, Albert S. Bowman, Alice C. Gifford.✓

Falmouth Lucy C. Graham, Edna B. Hutchinson, Stella M. Douglas, Lindley J. Cook,
Clara V. Mumford, Laura E. Jones, John C. Gatchell, Alberta W.
Millward, M. Melvin Bailey, Miriam Cartland, Emma R. Cook.
Alternates: Fannie C. Timberlake, Frederick C. Dearborn, Marian F. Cox.

Smithfield Susan L. Dow, Harry Harrison, Arthur W. Hawkes, Bertha M. Cole,
Lessie Armstrong, Lucia A. Wheeler, Agnes W. Harrison, Richard
O. McNamara, Robert H. Taylor.

Vassalboro Edith P. Whitten, Mavis L. Austin, Robert E. Owen,
Eva Pitt Owen, Elizabeth Burleigh, Margaret A. Cates,
Elda R. Henderson, Annie B. Kenoyer, Malvina Robbins.✓

Dover William T. Hussey, Robert Jenness, Charles M. Teague,
Myron J. Jenness, James A. Coney, Clarence I. Pinkham,
Ira N. Kimball.
Alternates: Oscar E. Whitter, Elsie F. Coney.

Fairfield Sophia E. Hawkes, Arthur Jones, Emeline M. Hawkes,
Albert N. Smith, Margaret W. Jones, Alice A. Clough.

Parsonsfield Marie B. Norton, Dorothy Bickford, Ruthven A. MacDonald.

5. There have been received and confirmed the regular Quarterly Meeting appointments to the Yearly Meeting Nominating and Finance Committees. Superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, Missions, and Bible Schools have been reported as provided for by Discipline.

6. Information has been sent to this Meeting by the Quarterly Meetings, covering routine matters, and presenting certain concerns and proposals. (See printed Minutes, pp. 5 & 6)

7. The subject submitted by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting regarding the training to be given young Friends to meet the problems confronting a Christian in wartime has been referred for further study to the committee named for this purpose by the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

✓ Named by representatives in accordance with Minute 19

8 Salem Quarterly Meeting's concern on the narcotic evil and the use of tobacco and liquor has been handed to the Committee on Community Welfare and the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic for consideration and recommendation

9. The suggestion from two of our Quarterly Meetings, Falmouth and Fairfield, that they be consolidated, if way opens, meets with the approval of this Meeting, and liberty is granted the two bodies to proceed in carrying out the proposed union.

10. The query from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, sent up by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, in reference to interpreting an educational question on the statistical blank, is left to the clerks to answer.

11. Approval is given to referring to the representative body certain irregular appointments to the Finance and Nominating Committees.

12. The Yearly Meeting is agreed in retaining the present ruling √ in regard to membership on the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting that two be named by the Quarterly Meetings from the list of their representatives to this Meeting, one for a term of one year and one for two years.

13. We have at this time the company of Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and rejoice in the renewed evidence of Divine love in sending new workers to our field. We pray that they may be guided and strengthened in the performance of whatever service the Lord may require at their hand:

Visiting Friends

Willard O. Trueblood, a minister, and Caroline S. Trueblood, his wife, an elder, from Whittier Monthly Meeting of California Yearly Meeting.

Leslie D. Shaffer, a minister, and executive secretary of the Fellowship Council of the American Friends Service Committee.

Present at our sessions are several workers in our local field, who are welcomed to our fellowship:

[illegible] Van Dyke, pastor in the Lynn Meeting and a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church.

√ Minute 40, 1915 and Minute 72, 1937.

Walter W. Swank and Clayton H. Chapman of the Presumpscot Upper Parish, in which Windham meeting shares.

Norman J. Grafton, pastor at Newport, member of the Reformed Baptist Church.

Joseph Lippincott of Washington, D.C., supply pastor in Ionic meeting.

Wilbur W. Kamp, a minister, and Lois P. Kamp, his wife, members of North Weare meeting, to which they have recently come from New York Yearly Meeting for pastoral service.

We also welcome as visiting Friends:

Jane Foster of New England Yearly Meeting.

Charlotte E. Haines and Marion Haines of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Communication from New England Yearly Meeting regarding closer unity.

14. From New England Yearly Meeting, Westerly, Rhode Island, there has come this communication: (see p. 8, printed Minutes)

We have also heard read a memorandum concerning the informal appointment of a committee to confer with representatives from other Friends groups in New England. —p. 8, printed Minutes)

James A. Coney reported for the committee under appointment of the Permanent Board, giving a brief account of meetings held for conference with the representatives from the groups above indicated, and asked that we either continue the committee or name another to serve in the suggested capacity. The Meeting is agreed in continuing the committee already under appointment, adding to the number Frances E. Wheeler. This committee✓ is named primarily to cooperate with the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on "Relations with other Yearly Meetings" and if way opens, they are also to confer with committees from the independent groups of Friends in New England.

Permanent Board actions approved

15. The Permanent Board presented a summary of its actions during the year. This Meeting hereby approves and ratifies the several decisions of the Board and confirms the adoption of the United Budget for 1938-39 of eight thousand dollars ($8,000). (see printed Minutes, pp. 9-10)

✓James A. Coney, Alfred Osborne, Archie E. Luther, Lyra T. Wolkins, Charles H. White, Frances E. Wheeler.

Report of Committee on policy & investment methods of Board of Managers

16. Alfred Osborne spoke of the report presented last year by the special committee appointed to study the whole question of fiduciary management, of investments advisers, and the general policy of the Board of Managers of Yearly Meeting Property, desiring that the report be made more easily available to Friends. The printing of the report in the Minutes for this year was authorized by the Meeting. (see pp. 11-14)

Summary of Epistles from Five Years Meeting

17. A summary of epistles from the Five Years Meeting fellowship, prepared under direction of the Correspondence Committee, has been read and received with appreciation, giving as it does a clear picture of the varying activities and the uniting spiritual foundation on which our several Yearly Meetings find fellowship.

Letters from Rachel Mostrom & Vercia P. Cox to be answered & letter to be sent to the Simkins.

18. A courageous letter has been read from our beloved member, Rachel Mostrom, from Kuling, China. There have also been read selected portions of a message from Vercia P. Cox, now in Yunnan Province in the interior, who was acceptably present at our 1935 sessions with a Minute from Ohio Yearly Meeting. We direct the Correspondence Committee to prepare letters of friendly greeting and encouragement for these two Friends and also a letter for Robert and Margaret T. Simkin, of Cheng tu, Szechuan, West China.

Representatives to name clerks

19. Our representatives are requested to confer at the close of the Bible Half-hour and to send to the afternoon session names of Friends to serve the Meeting as clerks. They may also fill vacancies in their respective delegations, if they so desire, and are directed to correct any irregularities in Quarterly Meeting appointments.

Certain Epistles read

20. We have listened to the reading of an epistle from New England Yearly Meeting, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, in Ninth Month last. With them we feel that "the call today is for all spiritually-minded people to unite in the deep river of love that flows beneath our surface differences.

Thus strengthened, let us dedicate our spirit and intellects to bringing more of justice, harmony, and spiritual development into the world." Mentioned appreciatively are epistles from Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), Ohio Yearly Meeting (Barnesville), Canada Yearly Meeting (Ontario), and three from General Conference Friends, New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia (Fifteenth and Race Streets).

Adjourned to 3.45 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

During the devotional period Leslie D. Shaffer brought a helpful message in song, "The Prayer Perfect."

21. Our dear friend and co-worker, Sarah J. Swift, is most acceptably with us again this year. We are also glad to have Linwood W. Jones in attendance.

22. The representatives have proposed at this time the names of Friends to serve as clerks:

Clerks chosen

Presiding Clerk, Lindley M. Binford
Recording Clerk, Lyra T. Watkins
Reading Clerks: John C. Gatchell, Helen E. Gifford

The nominations have been approved and the appointments made for the year.

23 The representatives have submitted certain additions and substitutions on the delegations from the Quarterly Meetings, as directed.

24. Young Friends send in the following extract from their minutes:
(see p. 15, printed Minutes)

25 The reading of the London Epistle has continued our spirit of fellowship and worship. Our British Friends remind us, in a covering letter, that in our meetings "we must fear neither silence nor speech; ... that we must proclaim the Cross of Christ, according to the measure of our individual experience of it... Friends have a present service to perform — a service of reconciliation, personal, social, national, and international.

The power for this service comes from the Spirit of Christ and is experienced by us as an "Inward Ability-to-do-the hitherto-Impossible".

Tributes to deceased Friends. 26. Our thoughts turn at this time to those who have been taken from us since our last annual gathering, whose lives and service bore witness to their faith, whose influence is with us still. How often we have been cheered by their counsel, encouraged by their loyalty to duty, and strengthened by their example! To-day we hold them in glad remembrance.

Death of Walter S. Meader. We would single out for special tribute two of our educational leaders. Our dear Friend, Walter S. Meader, ably served for fourteen years as clerk of the Yearly Meeting. His wisdom as an educator was evidenced in his twenty-three years of teaching in Moses Brown School and his long connection with the Committee on Education and the Oak Grove School Board of Managers. For thirty-four years he was a member of the Permanent Board and for twenty-eight years of the Committee on the Sarah N. P. Dixon Trust. After a long illness, bravely

Death of Mary Amy Gifford. borne, Mary Amy Gifford died on Eighth Month 20th, 1937. She was a teacher of singular ability, counsellor and guide of youth during the sixty years of her educational career; gifted in speech and with the pen, she was for nearly three decades a member of the Correspondence Committee of the Yearly Meeting, where her talent was often employed in preparing epistles.

A young Friend of great promise, Frank [illegible], treasurer of the Young Friends Board, has been called suddenly to complete his developing service in the wider ministry of the spirit world. One who labored in our midst for six years, as pastor in North Weare and Forest Avenue meetings, who had an unusual gift in the Christian training of boys, Le Roy E. De Marsh, also received a speedy summons into the presence of the King.

Isaac B. Macomber, dear aged Friend, for long years active in Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, gentle and strong, cultured and devoted, has gone home in the fullness of years. Charles W. Johnson, convinced and effective peace advocate; Ida R. Niles, a valued minister; Herbert E. Wadsworth, member of the Governor's Council of the State of Maine, for some twenty years one of the Board of Managers of Oak Grove School; Georgia L. Williams, Elder and dependable member of Winthrop Meeting; George H. Estes, Elder, influential citizen of East Vassalboro, member for more than forty years of the Board of Managers of Oak Grove School; Mary A. Gould, Alice Tabor Jones, an Elder, Albert E. Todd, an Elder, Annie E. Goddard, Alfred Barns, Sarah Ballou, Grace B. Gould, Charles Cortland, Maurice L. Newell, Robert G. Ewen— these have each and all in their varying paths of duty contributed to the united service of the Society of Friends in our New England field. "And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

reports of H. H. Mosher Fund Committee

27 We have received and read the annual reports of the Committee on the Disbursement of the Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund. (see pp. 17-18, printed Minutes)

Missionary reports

28. Continuing the regular program of the afternoon, the Meeting has given attention to reports of the work of the Missionary Committee, of the chairman of its department of interest and publicity, and of the Woman's Missionary Society.
(see pages 18, 19, 20, 21)

A. Edward Kelsey stirred us with details of the work and situation in Palestine, paying tribute to Khalil Totah's success in campaigning in this country for the building fund and to his capable administration of the schools in Ram Allah, emphasizing the great need of racial sympathy in the wave of anti-Semitic sentiment that seems to be engulfing the eastern world. Willard O. Trueblood described his recent deputation visit in Palestine, and gave very warm praise to [illegible] Hinnush, an Armenian girl, who now heads the Girls School. He was especially impressed with the excellence of the buildings and grounds.

From Marion E. Kelsey, who attended the Triennial Conference of the Woman's Missionary Union in Whittier, California, in Fifth Month, we had a vivid account of the place, the people, and the meetings. Four representatives went from New England: Ellen L. Winslow, Marion E. Kelsey, Sophia E. Hawkes, and Lillian M. Foster.
(see p. 22 for balance of minute)

29 In our hearing has been read the summarized
Amer. Friends annual report of the American Friends Board of Missions.
Mission Board
report read.

30 Leslie D. Shaffer presented the work of the American
Fellowship Friends Fellowship Council, now in its third year of
Council
described existence as a part of the American Friends Service Committee. He described the organization of independent meetings, methods of intervisitation, and the effort to restore something of the old-time itinerant ministry in the nationwide fellowship of the Society of Friends and of Christian denominations with whom we may come into contact. The request for a contribution of $25 to the Fellowship Council is referred to the Finance Committee.

31 Iowa Yearly Meeting is celebrating in Eighth Month the
Iowa Yearly seventy fifth anniversary of its establishment by Indiana
Meeting's
75th anniversary Yearly Meeting and invites us to send an official representative. The presiding clerk is asked to send an acknowledging letter and is authorized to appoint a representative if it appears that some one of our members should be able to go.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Fifthday morning, Sixth Month 23d. Convened at the hour appointed.

Assembling for prayer and praise, the attention of the Meeting was drawn, by Laura A. Ellison, to the third Psalm, with its message of trust in the Lord in the midst of dangers and difficulties. "Many are they that rise up against me, but Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me; my glory and the lifter up of my head".

Oscar T. Moström reminded us tho' true faith knows no defeat.

In listening to epistles from the third Yearly Meeting of Friends in Sweden, the twelfth German Yearly Meeting, and the annual gathering of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, we too could unite with our Swedish Friends in feeling "as an undertone a message that we are surrounded here and now by Eternity". Our German Friends are courageous and confident as they proclaim that "the joyful message which we share and with which we strengthen one another is: Christ Jesus is victorious over all power of evil and death. He speaks to the Christ in us and gives us courage to persevere, and a power through love to rouse and heal the world of our immediate circle." Philadelphia Friends have an "increased concern for youth", and "the responsibility of parents for the training of children", reminding us "that those who believe in God and His revelation in Christ have an enduring basis of faith which it is their task to keep firm whatever may happen in the course of history."

32. Visiting Friends have been cordially welcomed at this time:

Visiting Friends Raymond E. Mendenhall, chairman of the Board on Prohibition and Public Morals (of the Five Years Meeting), with his wife, Hazel Mendenhall.

Henry H. Perry, clerk of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, with his wife, Edith Perry, and their daughter Agnes.

33. A request having come that we name a representative to
Member for 5 years meeting program Committee
serve on the advisory program committee for the 1940 session of the Five Years Meeting, the duty is referred to the Nominating Committee. ✓

34. The American Section of the Friends World Consultative Committee,
Members for Consultative Committee — Friends World
set up to carry on the work of the World Conference and to continue the fellowship there experienced, asks that we appoint a representative and an alternate. The Nominating Committee is instructed to bring in names of two Friends to represent our Yearly Meeting on this Committee. ✓

✓ Lyra T. Wolkins (see Minute 44)

✓ Rufus M. Jones; Alternate, James A. Coney (see Minute 44)

35 Consideration of State of Society was [illegible] entered upon, introduced
State of Society
by the reading of selected items from the statistics. As too frequently occurs, there appears to be a loss, — sixty-two members. From the 681 associate members, only sixteen have been transferred to the active list. We have twenty-four more non-resident members than last year, and one more meeting without recorded ministry. Two Quarterly Meetings show gain; Sandwich, twelve, and Smithfield, five. Shall we continue to live, as the ancient hymn suggests, "at this poor dying rate", or is it not possible to improve the spiritual tone of our meetings and increase our contacts with outsiders, spend more thought on training and using our youth, and cease being content with this static condition? If we can forget ourselves and become actively interested in others, and live no longer unto ourselves "but unto Him", we will find that our numbers increase instead of diminish.

36. From the Quarterly Meetings we have received reports on
Spiritual Condition
spiritual condition of meetings and membership. The presiding clerk has [illegible] to us a summary in which certain emphases appear. The relations of Friends with one another and the world about them seem to be generally satisfactory, but there is a sad neglect of family worship, although attendance on public meetings for worship is rather well maintained. In some places a need is felt for more individual service in the meetings. Two quotations from reports are suggestive. Salem Quarterly Meeting suggests that "it is one of the great glories of Quakerism that there is room for such widely differing groups as our meetings represent, sharing together our precious heritage and laboring together to carry forward the work of the living Christ." Fairfield Quarterly Meeting says: "We feel the need of being more perfect reflectors of the image of Jesus, so that those with whom we come into contact shall be more deeply impressed with His character of love and service."

37 James A. Corey, general superintendent of the Yearly Meeting and
Report of Evangelistic Superintendent and Committee
secretary of the Committee on Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, read the annual account of his travels and Gospel labors,

pointing out weaknesses and failures as well as encouraging situations. (see pages 25-27, printed Minutes)

38. Nominations submitted for certain committees have been confirmed. (see Committee Directory)

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

Message from Junior Yearly Meeting

39. Two pages from the Junior Yearly Meeting, Robert H. Tollefson and Paul Riuden, were recognized at the opening of the session, as they brought us a greeting and an invitation. (see page 27)

40. As return messengers to visit the Juniors, we appoint James A. Coney and Amy Sherman Hayden.

Bible Schools and Religious Education report

41. Harold N. Tollefson, superintendent of Bible Schools and Religious Education, presented the annual report, to which the Meeting listened with attention. We direct that the Bible School statistics be printed in the Minutes this year. (see pp. 28-29, printed Minutes)

Name of Committee changed to Bible Schools & Christian Education

42 This Meeting approves a change in the name of the Bible School Committee so that it may more nearly correspond with that of the new Board on Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting. The name for the present will therefore be "Committee on Bible Schools and Christian Education".

43. Harold N. Tollefson introduced as the speaker of the hour Rev. Clifford H. Osborne, a Portland pastor and chairman of the Education Committee of the Maine Council of Religious Education, with his subject, "Significant Trends in Religious Education of Today". The speaker asked whether the Sunday School has not often got away from its purpose, whether it is not sometimes more of a liability than an asset, and whether or not its training is adequate. He mentioned four trends that he considers significant: 1. Back to Bible-centred and curriculum-centred materials. 2. Devotion of more time to religious education due to the inadequacy of the period given to it in the Sunday School, and the development of weekday religious education either during or after school hours. 3. Use of more

socialized studies, such as problems of war and peace, social and family relations and problems, and the like.
4. Adult education projects, because adults are responsible for training youth. We are coming more and more to think of the church as a school, or as the church at school.

James A. Coney continued in further explanation of the situation in our meetings, enlarging on his report on evangelism given at the morning session. One of his concerns is that we give more attention to developing all-round Christians after they have been won to Christ. Discussion was shared in by Ellen A. Winslow, Raymond E. Mendenhall, Rebecca Wild, Oscar B. Nystrom, Alvan C. Goddard, Lindley J. Cook, Oliver M. Frazer, Elam Henderson, Mary Still Binford, Emma R. Cook.

44 From the Nominating Committee have come in nominations for a number of Yearly Meeting Committees and for the special appointments to the American Section of the Friends World Consultative Committee and to the Program Committee for the 1940 sessions of the Five Years Meeting. These have all been duly confirmed.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Sixthday morning, Sixth Month 24th. Met according to adjournment.

Worshipping in unity on this beautiful morning, we have joined in singing the prayer, "Holy Spirit, faithful Guide". Epistles added to our uplift as we listened to greetings from other Yearly Meetings. Syria and Palestine Friends sent from their annual assembly at Brummana in the Lebanons the suggestion that "the vital expression of our message depends upon our individual faithfulness — an answer to the question, 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?'" From the General Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Australia came a timely word of advice: "All work of reconciliation and all efforts to improve our social and economic life must be founded on a deep spiritual basis; for the sickness of the world is fundamentally a spiritual sickness. We have a conviction that before all things our Society should be a spiritual fellowship. We turn to God as revealed in the life of Jesus, finding in Him the true and living way to the joyous life we seek for all."

Report of Committee on Community Welfare & the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

45. Oliver M. Frazer presented the annual account of the work carried on through the Committee on Community Welfare and the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic. The concern referred to this committee by the Yearly Meeting regarding the evils of the use of tobacco and narcotics has been considered by them, and by direction of this Meeting is incorporated with the report of the Committee. (see pp. 31-33, printed Minutes)

A lively discussion ensued, shared in by Alvano C. Goddard, Lindley J. Cook, Gertrude W. Osborne, Jane Foster, Mabel C. Moody, Elizabeth J. Trout, Grace F. Luder, Corona R. Cook, Wilbur W. Kamp, Herman J. Lawrence, and Raymond E. Mendenhall, in which an optimistic note was in evidence as there was stressed the importance of educating our young people in church and school in the reasons for abstinence on all these lines.

Name is changed to Committee on Public Morals"

46. "The Committee on Community Welfare and the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic requests that its name be changed to correspond more closely with that of the Five Years Meeting Board of Prohibition and Public Morals. Permission is gladly granted, and the name will hereafter be "Committee on Public Morals."

Education Committee report

47. From the Committee on Education we have this report of loans to needy students: (see page 34, printed Minutes)

Moses Brown School and Lincoln School reports

48. Educational topics being the order of the morning, L. Ralston Thomas, head master, read in our hearing the report of Moses Brown School; Frances E. Wheeler, head mistress, gave the Lincoln School report; financial statements for the two schools were read by the reading clerks. These reports constitute the annual report of the Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools. There has been general expression at this time of our continuing appreciation of the service of the principals and the teaching staff, who have been so faithful in maintaining Friendly attitudes toward the fundamental values

of life, while not lessening high scholastic standards.
(see printed Minutes, pp. 34-39)

Retirement of Frances E. Wheeler Gratitude to.

49. As a Yearly Meeting we acknowledge our great debt of gratitude to Frances E. Wheeler, who this year retires from her long years of active educational work, twenty five years at Moses Brown School, and twelve years as the valued head of Lincoln School from the year 1926 when it was taken over by Friends to accommodate girls who had formerly attended Moses Brown School. Conscientious, capable, judicious, of charming personality, beloved by her pupils through all these years, she retires to a well-earned leisure by which the Yearly Meeting will be the gainer because she will have more time to devote to active committee work.

Present in a group are a score and more of the younger graduates of Lincoln School and former pupils of Frances E. Wheeler, who thus join in appreciative tribute. Edith Kelsey, spokesman for the group, voiced the golden opinion of those who cherish her as friend, companion, and guide. Charles H. White, for the School Committee, told of the happy associations of the years, expressing his personal esteem as well as the high regard in which she is held by the Committee.

Amy L. Philips, appointed head mistress, is welcomed

50 The Meeting is happy to have present with us the newly-appointed head-mistress of Lincoln School, Amy Louise Philips, and extends to her a hearty welcome to association with us, wishing for her a similar degree of success to that which has attended her predecessor.

Oak Grove School reports

51. Robert E. Owen, on behalf of Oak Grove School, came before the Meeting with a fine account of the activities of the School during 1937-38. Robert E. and Eva Pratt Owen have now spent a score of years at Oak Grove, and as a Yearly Meeting we would pay sincere tribute to their unceasing devotion to the maintenance of a high standard of scholarship, character, and service in and by the school, its teachers, and student body.

George L. Crosman, with forty-seven years of membership on the Board of Managers of Oak Grove School to his credit, expressed his deep appreciation of the principals, describing some of the objectives attained during their years of successful management. Words in like vein were added by Oliver M. [illegible]. (see printed Minutes, pages 40 – 44)

Nominations confirmed

52. Nominations have been received and approved for the remaining committees of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Raymond E. Mendenhall addresses evening meeting on Prohibition

The evening public meeting was addressed by Raymond E. Mendenhall, chairman of the Five Years Meeting Board of Prohibition and Public Morals, in a scholarly presentation of the case against alcohol. Expressing his belief that prohibition is coming back, he said that our problem is to get ready for it when it comes. No law is good unless it expresses the will of a sufficient body of people to have it enforced. We have not alone the liquor problem but the problem of establishing a public conscience and public morals. It will be of no use to secure prohibition again unless we have educated our people in ideas of public morality. There never can be an honest society made up of dishonest individuals. The church must cut deeper if American civilization is to survive.

Seventh day morning, Sixth Month 25th. Convened according to adjournment.

In adoration and thanksgiving the Meeting assembled, devoutly seeking to know more of God's will for us. "I will offer the sacrifice of praise unto Thee continually, the fruit of my lips giving thanks unto Thy name".

Junior Yearly Meeting attends

53. The Junior Yearly Meeting united with us in worship and sang in unison, "I would be true, for there are those who trust me". Appreciative greetings were given by Lelia S. Marstaller, Rebecca Wild, and Lindley J. Cook. The following communication was received from the Juniors: (see page 45, printed Minutes)

Cable from Emily Parker

54. There was read a cablegram of greeting from S. Emily Parker, from Murcia, Spain, where she is engaged with the child-feeding mission. The presiding clerk is directed to send her a warm response from this Meeting, where she has been in acceptable attendance in other years.

55. We have been deeply impressed by the courageous Christian spirit of the message from the Szechuan Yearly Meeting of Friends in China, held in Suining in First Month of this year. They say that "the solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict must rest with God. All of us Christians throughout the world must pray unto God with one voice, seeking to attain to the mind of our Father in Heaven and to remove such disasters from among men and thus to make ready the way of peace."

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland held in Belfast Fourth Month 28th to Fifth Month 2d comes a glad word of confidence and assurance of their belief in the ultimate triumph of God's cause. "Above all we have been conscious that Love is the beginning, the course and the goal — the Love which brought our Saviour to Calvary. In such Love may we live in faith handing on to others the legacy of hope."

Board of Care and Relief report

56 For the Board of Care and Relief, Alfred Osborne, chairman, and Ernest W. Ainsworth, treasurer, presented the thirty third annual report of Huntington Home. Friends continue to value truly the personal care and attention given by the members of the Board. Gratitude has been expressed for the able management by the matron, Almira B. Elliott. Winslow H. Osborne asked the help of Friends in raising a sufficient amount of money to install an electric elevator. Ellen A. Winslow, Willis H. White, Harriet B. MacLean, and others spoke to the value of the Home and in appreciation of the aid now received through the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Fund. (see pp. 46-47 printed Minutes

S.N.P. Dixon Fund report

57 The report of the Committee on the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust has been given. (see page 42, printed Minutes)

58. The Missionary Committee sends in a request for permission

Request for additional members on Palestine Field Committee

to ask the American Friends Board of Missions to name Elihu and Almy C. Grant as advisory members of the Palestine Field Committee. This meets with the approval of the Meeting.

Report of Treasurer

57. The treasurer has submitted his report for the year ending Sixth Month 21, 1938, reading it in detail to the Meeting. The endorsement of auditors is properly attached, showing a detailed examination of all books, accounts, and vouchers. The statement includes receipts and disbursements of Yearly Meeting current funds and also all moneys received and expended through the United Budget.

A. Edward Kelsey gave expression to the appreciation felt by members of the Meeting for the work of the treasurer. There was general discussion on the subject of how to encourage more generous giving for our own local work as well as for our missionary outreach, that the United Budget may be fully raised another year.

Summarized figures of report

Report of the Treasurer ✓

6 Mo. 26, 1937, to 6 Mo. 21, 1938

Receipts

Receipts

On hand, 6 Mo. 26, 1937:		
Cash, demand deposit (S[illegible] National Bank, Boston)	$ 741 92	
Cash, Savings Dept., 2d Natl Bank, Emergency Fund for Ministers et al.	108 41	
Cash, Savings Dept., Newton Trust Company	122 64	$ 972 97
Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
The Quarterly Meetings	$1,445 00	
Sales of "Discipline"	17 57	
[illegible]ert E. White legacy for Huntington Home	1,[illegible]0 00	2,462 57
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1937-38)		
Local meetings in the Quarterly Meetings	$ 2 757 68	
Individual subscriptions	1 895 00	
Woman's Missionary Society of Yearly Meeting	586 00	5,238 68
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1935-36)		
Subscriptions to the Deficit		13 00
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1938-39)		
Local meetings	281 99	
Individual subscriptions	$ 415 00	696 99
Sundries:		
Offering 6/25/1937 relief of Spanish children	56 00	
Durham meeting Do.	2 00	
	$ 58 00	$ 9,384 21

✓ Summarized. Full report is on pages 49-56 of printed Minutes of 1938

Brought forward	$ 58 00		$ 9,384 21
Sundries (cont.)			
Saylesville Bible School, relief in China	2 50		
Worcester Auxiliary, chairs for Ram Allah	20 00		
Salem Quarter for Junior Yearly Meeting	15 00		
Smithfield Quarter for housing fund	20 00		
Allen's Neck Bible School, tuition Jamaica boy	6 52		122 02
Bequests of Emily M. Jones			
"-- for foreign missions" – 5th clause		$ 500 00	
"-- Evangelistic Committee – East Parsonsfield 4th clause		1,000 00	1,500 00
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee			
Offering, 6 Mo. 27, '37	$ 26 62		
Donation	6 00		
Do – specially for E. Parsonsfield	75 00		
Liquidating dividend, Fidelity Trust Co.	20 97		
United Budget, 1937-38, available under appropriation	1,907 08		
Do – additional to reduce deficit	1,000 00		
Available from subscriptions to '35-36 United Budget deficit	11 70		
From Yearly Meeting Quota	500 00		3,547 37
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee:			
Offerings for Khalil Totah's lectures	$ 68 00		
Liquidating dividends, Ticonic National Bank	118 73		186 73
Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools &c:			
Offering 6 Mo. 27, '37	$ 10 20		
United Budget, 1937-38 available under appropriation	38 35		
Available from subscriptions to 1935-36 United Budget deficit	32		48 87
Yearly Meeting Committee on Community Welfare and Suppression of Liquor Traffic:			
United Budget, 1937-38, available under appropriation	51 13		
Available from subscriptions to 1935-36 United Budget deficit	33		
Interest credited to 4 Mo. 1, 1938	90		
Collected from five meetings for Mass. Anti-Saloon League	49 00		101 36
Committee on Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust:			
Income from Provident Trust Company of Philadelphia			1,610 00
Interest – on Newton Trust Company savings deposit credited in part to interest account.			1 80
Interest – credited to savings account (Emergency Fund for Ministers and Workers			1 63
			$ 16,503 99

Payments

Paym[illegible] Yearly Meeting Current Funds:

Expenses of holding sessions, 1937		$56 75	
Expenses of Friends visiting with minutes		27 95	
Bible Half-hour		35 00	
Lindley M. Binford, presiding clerk		50 00	
Ezra F. Watkins, recording clerk		25 00	
Premium on surety bond for treasurer		12 50	
Printed "Minutes" (1936) 1,550 copies		432 00	
Additional for sewing binding of "Minutes"		13 00	
Alterations in "Minutes"		14 63	
Over-sized pages (do)		16 42	
Postage and express on "Minutes"		12 88	
Circulars 1,200, postage &c. for Arrangements Comtee		32 83	
Five Years Meeting Assessment		208 62	
Maine Interdenominational Commission (dues)		2 00	
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee toward deficit		500 00	
Expense items of presiding clerk		6 37	
Postal cards for use of recording clerk		3 60	
Postage for treasurer		5 54	
Board of Auditors, expense		7 53	
Epistles: Yearly Meeting (50), Junior (35)		7 50	
Programmes (500) for 1937 sessions Yearly Meeting		17 50	
Envelopes for Committee of Arrangements		3 00	
Interest on demand loan, $500, net amount		17 93	
		$ 1,508 55	
Legacy Elbert E. White pd. Board of Managers Investments & Permanent Funds		1,000 00	
			2,508 55
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1937-38):			
To Five Years Meeting		3,000 00	
Expense items, postage &c		11 77	
To Yearly Meeting Committees:			
Evangelistic	1,907.08		
Board of Young Friends Activities	51 13		
Bible Schools	38 35		
Community Welfare	51 13		
Peace	12 79		
		2,060 48	
To Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee to reduce deficit		1,000 00	
			6,072 25 ✓
Carry forward			$ 8,580 80

✓ This sum agrees with the total amount raised for the United Budget for 1937-38

	Brought forward			$8,580 80
	Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1935-6):			
	Subscriptions to the Deficit distributed to Yearly Meeting Committees:			
	Evangelistic		$11 70	
	Board of Young Friends		33	
	Bible Schools		32	
	Oak Grove Seminary		32	
	Community Welfare		33	
			$13 00	
	Previous balance paid to Oak Grove School		6 66	19 66
	Sundry Remittances:			
	Offering for relief of Spanish children		56 00	
	Donation for Spanish relief		2 00	
	Donation for relief work in China		2 50	
	Chairs for Ram Allah Mission		20 00	
	Donation for Junior Yearly Meeting		15 00	
	Grant for Housing Fund		20 00	
	For tuition of a son of one of workers in Jamaica		6 52	122 02
Evangelistic Committee	Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:			
	In aid of Meetings		$1,447 90	
	General Supt. — Salary	$1,920 00		
	Expenses, sundry	25 49	1,945 49	
	Automobile: expense items	$273 60		
	Insurance	23 10		
	Excise tax	6 67		
	1938 plates	12 82		
	License	2 00	318 19	
	"Wayside Pulpit" mottoes:			
	To Westport Meeting	$7 50		
	To East Parsonsfield Meeting	7 50		
			15 00	3,726 58
Missionary Committee	Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee			
	Transportation Khalil Totah		13 80	
	To Khalil Totah, for expenses		54 20	68 00
Bible School Committee	Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools & Religious Education:			
	Subscriptions: Sunday School Times	$15 86		
	Journal of Religious Education	11 25	$30 11	
	Reading campaign folders (1000)		7 60	
	Recognition certificates (150)		2 75	
	For use of Superintendent		15 00	55 46
	Yearly Meeting Committee on Community Welfare & Suppression of the Liquor Traffic:			
Community Welfare Committee	Exhibition in Springfield		20 00	
	W.C.T.U.: of Rhode Island		5 00	
	of Maine		5 00	
	of New Hampshire		5 00	
	of Massachusetts		5 00	
	Travel to attend meetings Mass. Anti-Saloon League		3 12	
	Collections for Mass. Anti Saloon League		49 00	92 12
	Carry forward			$12,664 64

Brought forward		$ 12,664 64
Committee on Sarah N. P. Dixon Trust:		
To Board of Care & Relief for Huntington Home		1,500 00
		$ 14,164 64
Additional interest expended, charged to Interest account		1 80
		$ 14,166 44
On hand, to balance		
Cash, demand deposit with Second National Bank of Boston	$2,102 17	
Cash, deposited with Savings Dept. Second National Bank of Boston, representing Emergency Fund for Ministers & Workers	110 04	
Cash, deposited with Savings Dept. Newton Trust Company	125 34	2,337 55 ✓
		$ 16,503 99

✓ This amount "on hand" represents the following balances:

Reserve	$ 194 68	
S. N. P. Dixon Trust Committee	639 67	
Missionary Committee	150 76	
Bible School Committee	130 44	
Emergency Fund Ministers &c	110 04	
Community Welfare Committee	99 45	
United Budget, '38-'39	696 99	
Emily M. Jones legacies	1,500 00	$ 3,522 03
Less adverse balances:		
Current Funds	502 20	
Evangelistic Committee	682 28	1,184 48
		$ 2,337 55

Submitted,
George G. Wolkins, Treasurer

Examined and found correct
with proper vouchers,
John A. Cornell
Joseph L. Hiller, Auditors

60 Board of Auditors of Property of Yearly Meeting

The examination in detail of Yearly Meeting property, books of account, records of transactions, balance sheets, vouchers, etc., has been attended to by the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting. The report having been read is accepted and appears herewith. (see pp. 56 to 58)

On behalf of the members of the Board of Auditors present, there has been expressed sympathy with the absent member, Frederick C. Dearborn, who has been detained at home by illness.

61 Recommendations of Finance Committee

We adopt item by item the recommendations of the Finance Committee as presented herewith and instruct the Quarterly Meetings to carry out each and every direction contained therein.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee

1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $1,700 be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses during the year 1938-39, payable half on 11 Mo. 1 and the remainder on 5 Mo. 1, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $2,000 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings

2. That the treasurer be authorized to make payments within the following appropriations:

Five Years Meeting Assessment for the year ending 3 Mo. 31, 1939		$ 225
Printing and distribution of Yearly Meeting Minutes:		
For printing	$ 500	
sewing binding	15	
corrections	40	
mailing & express	20	575
Entertainment of visiting ministers and other workers at sessions Yearly Meeting		100
Expense of holding session in Ocean Park, 1938		100
Sundry items expense incident to sessions of Yearly Meeting		200
Arrangement of records in safe in Providence		50
Minor expenses during the year		50
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee deficit		500
American Friends Fellowship Council		25
		$ 1,825

3. That the following apportionment of the $1,700 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted for the year 1938-39:

Percentages

Rhode Island	18	Vassalboro	6
Salem	20	Dover	5
Sandwich	16	Fairfield	9
Falmouth	13	Parsonsfield	2
Smithfield	11		

4. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the clerks of Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

....(Recommendations Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 may be found on pages 59-60 of the printed Minutes.)

............For the Committee, Edward L. Macomber,
Chairman

Treasurer is appointed— George G. Wolkins

62 George G. Wolkins is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Committee on United Budget

63. The name of Arthur W. Hawkes is added to special committee named by the Permanent Board to have care of presenting the claims of the United Budget to each of our meetings. The committee will now consist of Edward L. Macomber, George G. Wolkins, Eva Pratt Owen, and Arthur W. Hawkes, and is given authority to draw on the treasury for any necessary expense involved.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met at the hour appointed.

Report on Gospel Service

64. From the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight there has come in at this time an account of the work under its care.

(see pp. 60-61, printed Minutes)

Correspondence Committee Epistles

65 The Correspondence Committee has brought in a draft of an epistle to be sent to all bodies of Friends. This has been read and is acceptable to the Meeting. The clerks are directed to sign it on our behalf and to dispatch it in usual course to all Yearly Meetings and groups of Friends at home and abroad.

Special letters have also been prepared for our Friends, Rachel Mostrom and Robert and Margaret E. Simkin, who are on the mission field in China, and also for Vercia P. Cox, of Ohio Yearly Meeting, from whom letters have been received assuring us of their safety and of their continued faithful witnessing for Christ in that troubled country. Letters have been read as prepared for the Monthly Meeting at Ram Allah and for the German Yearly Meeting. These are all satisfactory and are directed sent in our name.

Report of Peace Committee

66. The Peace Committee has submitted a brief account of its work. (see pp. 61-62, printed Minutes)

Special concern on peace training

67. From the special committees named by the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and by the Young Friends Board to consider jointly the concern presented earlier in our sessions by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, we have received a report with recommendations. We encourage the Young Friends and the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to continue through this joint committee their co-operative study along the lines indicated. {for communications see printed Minutes pages 62 and 63}

68. The annual report of the American Friends Service Committee has been read in our Meeting.

Young Friends reports & activities

69. An interesting account of the activities of the Young Friends Board has been presented. (reports are on pages 63 and 64-5, printed Minutes)

70. A welcome is extended to Albert L. Scott, a young Friend from New England Yearly Meeting, in attendance at our sessions today.

Representatives to International Young Friends Conference

71. W. Fay Luder added an explanation concerning the joint committee of young Friends of New England and spoke of the approaching International Young Friends Conference in England, which five of our members plan to attend: W. Fay Luder, Grace F. Luder, Winnifred C. Moody, Marguerite Bailey, and John Alcock.

Report of Delegates to World Conference

72. We are reasonably assured that all of our delegates to the Friends World Conference last Ninth Month were in attendance at some or all of the sessions.

On a plan for Federation of religious bodies in Maine

73. Lindley J. Cook described a proposal to consolidate certain religious bodies in the State of Maine, in the form of a Council or Federation of Churches. The Yearly Meeting expressed approval of the plan.

Convention of Protestant Leaders to be held Maine

74. A letter has been read in regard to holding a state convention of Protestant leaders in Maine, requesting that we name three of our members to co-operate with them in the project. The Meeting chose for this service Lindley J. Cook, Arthur Jones, and Harvey Jones.

Visit & labors of Willard O. Trueblood & Caroline S. Trueblood

75 The Meeting desires to record its deep sense of obligation to Willard O. Trueblood for his inspiring Gospel labors among us. We are indebted to the Promotion Committee of the Five Years' Meeting for making possible this religious visit of Willard O. and Caroline S. Trueblood.

Visit & service of Elizabeth Haggard

76. We are also grateful to the Board on Christian Education of the Five Years' Meeting for sending as their representative to our

sessions, Elizabeth L. Hazard, who has been a valued helper in the Young Friends program, leading an inspiring Bible-class, and aiding by her advice and influence the Junior Yearly Meeting.

Return visit to Junior Yrly. Mtg.

77. James A. Coney and Amy S. Hayden report a very satisfactory visit with the Juniors.

78. A message from the Commission on Racial Justice of the World Conference has reminded us of "the grievous denial of our Quaker principles involved in our failure to extend to all God's children full recognition of that relationship on account of race."

Account of annual meeting of Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs

79. In the absence of a formal report from the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, Ellen A. Winslow described her attendance at the sessions of that committee in Poughkeepsie in Fifth Month, as she was able to stop over on her way to the Woman's Missionary Conference in Whittier, California.

James A. Coney appointed Superintendent

80. From the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee has been received the nomination of James A. Coney for general superintendent. The Yearly Meeting considers itself extremely fortunate to have his continuing services and appoints him to this position for the ensuing year.

81. Organizations of the several committees and boards have been sent in.

Certified copies of Minutes deposited

82. Three copies of the printed Minutes of 1937 have been certified by the clerks and placed on deposit in the vault at Moses Brown School.

Place & Time fixed for 1939 sessions

83. The time and place of holding the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting having been carefully considered, we have chosen Ocean Park, Maine, as the place, the dates to be Sixth Month 21st to 25th inclusive.

Authorization to Printing Committee

84. We direct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,600 copies of the Minutes of this

Meeting. The committee is allowed a certain latitude of discretion in condensation or omission of material.

Clerks to make Extracts from Minutes 85 Our clerks are instructed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

Thanks to Ocean Park ! 86 Again our gratitude is warmly extended to our hospitable friends of the Ocean Park Association and the New England Baptist Conference, and to each and all of their helpers and assistants, for the many kindnesses we have received at their hands.

Adjourned to tomorrow afternoon at 2 30.

First day afternoon, Sixth Month 26th. Met according to adjournment.

Preceding the brief business session, a meeting for worship was held. James A. Coney led in singing three hymns of praise and prayer: "The King of Love my Shepherd is," "Lord, speak to me that I may speak", and "Jesus, Thy boundless love to me." Perry Van Dyke voiced in prayer the united petitions of the Meeting. "The Holy City" was sung by John Marsh, of Portland, with Edna B. Hutchinson at the piano. James A. Coney gathered up the impressions of the Yearly Meeting, reminding us of the commitments to Christ that were made on Fifth day evening, a time which will be remembered by many as a spiritual birthday. Emphasizing the words in the first chapter of John's Gospel, where Jesus tells the questioners to "Come and see", he pointed out the fact that one of the two was John, whose experience was so vital that he recalled the very day and hour of the occurrence. This has been an outstanding Yearly Meeting with emphasis on the true Gospel message.

Charles E. Peaslee, Oscar G. Mostrom, Josephine H. Carr, and Perry Van Dyke stressed the inadequate conception we have of God until we see Him in the face of Jesus Christ, that we are given a new view of Him in order to lead others to Him, and that the wave of God's love which lifts us and carries us to new life in Him, like the incoming tide on the seashore, gives us power to show others the way of life.

Through the power of Christ, the inspiration of these days can last.

Junior Yearly Meeting reports

87. Taking up the remaining business of the Yearly Meeting we listened to the reading of the minutes and epistle of the Junior Yearly Meeting. Harold N. Tollefson, superintendent, reported a total registration of 175 young Friends and Juniors. There have been 41 registered in Junior "A" and 33 in Junior "B". In Elizabeth L. Hazard's Bible class there have been seventy-five enrolled, young people and older juniors.

The Meeting again records its joy in the constructive work carried on with our younger members, and its obligation to the Board of Young Friends Activities and to Harold N. Tollefson, superintendent, for their indefatigable labors throughout the year as well as during the week past.

Minute for service for James A. Coney to be signed

88. The presiding clerk is authorized to issue a minute of release for service abroad for our dear Friend, James A. Coney, and his wife, Elsie F. Coney, who with their daughter Gwen and son Peter are to sail for England for a few months of study and well-earned holiday. If it should appear more desirable, the clerk is given authority to sign the minutes already issued by Berwick Monthly Meeting and Dover Quarterly Meeting.

Young Friends to be given letters of introduction

89. We are informed that five of our young Friends are planning to attend the International Young Friends Conference in England in Eighth Month. The presiding clerk is directed to communicate with their respective monthly meetings to see if there is time for minutes to be prepared in usual order; if not, he is given the right to prepare for the young Friends suitable letters of introduction from this Meeting.

Willard O. & Caroline S. Trueblood acknowledge gratitude of Meeting

90. In closing, Caroline S. Trueblood and Willard O. Trueblood each spoke feelingly of their joy in fellowship and service with us during the past week. Willard Trueblood paraphrased the story of the wise men who "returned home another way", showing that we must go home another way, different people, endued with power to work for Christ and the church, with zeal stored up and not wholly expended at Yearly

Meeting, so that our friends will take note of us that we have been with Jesus.

John Marsh sang in effective appeal, "Strong were your hands, dear Jesus; ah! would they had touched mine."

The clerk read the closing minute and thus ended the two hundred seventy-eighth session of our Yearly Meeting.

91. Concluding Minute. As we gather from year to year for the accounting of our stewardship, we are deeply impressed by the responsibilities which rest upon us, and are learning that only through Divine guidance and a willingness to seek wisdom from above, can we meet in any degree the need for consecrated service which appears on every hand.

We have been greatly blessed by searching gospel messages, particularly from our friend Willard O. Trueblood, and much encouraged by evidences of real religious conviction and concern on the part of a large number of Senior and Junior young people in attendance.

Through the overshadowing influence of the Divine Spirit which has imparted to us a willingness to demonstrate the value of the graces of a vital Christian experience, the business of the church has been transacted. To many there has come the stimulating influence of deeper consecration. Because of enlarged vision and a clearer appreciation of the tasks which will confront us as we go into the valleys of daily living from this mountaintop experience, we shall need to be diligent in our search for guidance and wisdom in order that we may minister helpfully in the regeneration of society and the extension of Christ's kingdom in the earth.

No further business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet next year in Ocean Park, Maine, on the 21st of Sixth Month, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,

Lindley M. Binford Presiding Clerk
Lyra Trueblood Wolkins, Recording Clerk

1939	1 year		2 years
Nominating Committee	Rhode Island -	Louisa White	Archie E. Luther
	Salem.	Gertrude W. Osborne	Grace P. Atkins
	Sandwich -	Joseph L. Hiller	John P. Alcock {Linnie E. Rose substituted
	Falmouth -	Lindley J. Cook	Lettie M. Bailey
	Smithfield -	Susan L. Dow	Lucia A. Wheeler
	Vassalboro -	Eva Pratt Owen	Margaret A. Cates
	Dover -	Elsie F. Coney	Myron I. Jenness
	Fairfield -	Sophia E. Hawkes	Emeline M. Hawkes

1939
Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. At the two hundred seventy-ninth annual session of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Ocean Park, Maine, by adjournments, beginning at 9.30 a.m. on Sixth Month 21st, 1939.

2. We have met in an atmosphere of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, for the mercies of the year past, for the opportunities for Christian service, for fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have prayed fervently that the grace of God may be upon us, that we may be revealers of Jesus, that the guidance of the Holy Spirit may be vouchsafed, as we enter upon the duties of Yearly Meeting week, that we may be fused together in Christian love and unity and given power to meet the responsibilities that are laid upon us as a body of believers in Christ.

The reading of a touching epistle from Friends in distraught China brought the meeting into close fellowship with the "suffering seed" in that country as well as in other war-torn lands. Rufus M. Jones reminded us of the word of God to Ezekiel: "Stand upon thy feet and I will speak to thee", urging us to give our religion motor effect and to put it to work.

3. Charles E. Hamlen brought greetings from the Ocean Park Association, telling something of the activities of this organization during the summer season, and welcoming us to the freedom and hospitality of Ocean Park.

4. According to accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings there have been named seventy-four representatives and fourteen alternates. Of the representatives, sixty responded when their names were called. Suitable excuses were received from some of those absent. A few of the vacancies have been filled by the representative body.

Rhode Island L. Ralston Thomas, Willis H. White, Archie E. Luther, Harriet E. Angle, Mary P. Pearson, Josephine H. Carr, Mabel I. McManus, Alice R. Jackson, Helen T. Gifford, Louisa White, Elizabeth J. Trout,√ Edith T. Battey,√ Charles H. Battey.√

Alternates: Philip C. Gifford, Elizabeth J. Trout

√Named by representatives in accordance with Minutes 14 and 16

Salem Elizabeth L. Peaslee, Blanche R. Howland, A. Edward Kelsey, Alfred Osborne, A. Ella Clark, Grace P. Atkins, Ruth E. Osborne, Pauline B. Burdett, Annie S. Dernier, Gertrude W. Osborne, Wilbur W. Kamp.
Alternates: Wilbur K. Thomas, Maud M. Hill, Winifred W. Moody, Mabel C. Moody.

Sandwich Thomas A. Tripp, Mary Emma Howland, Joseph L. Hiller, Edith Westgate, Annie E. Rose, James Wild, Jennie W. Gifford, John P. Alcock, Edward L. Macomber, Alvano C. Goddard.✓
Alternates: Alvano C. Goddard, John A. Macomber.

Falmouth [2] Lindley J. Cook, Alberta W. Millward, John W. Gitchell, Mary P. Ware, Florence B. Anthoine, Selah Richmond, Lottie M. Bailey, M. Melvin Bailey, Harvey Jones, Cora E. Wiggin, Corona R. Cook, Persis Hall, Dorothy S. Bickford, Clara W. Mumford.
Alternates: Laura E. Jones, Fannie C. Timberlake, Ella H. Smart, Marie B. Norton.

[2] Now includes Parsonsfield Quarter

Smithfield Susan L. Dow, Stephen A. Rundall, Margaret E. Wheeler, Arthur W. Hawkes, Harry Harrison, Agnes W. Harrison, Harold N. Tollefson, Gladys Tollefson, Mabel A. Thayer, Lucia A. Wheeler.✓

Vassalboro Edith P. Whitten, Morris L. Austin, Robert E. Owen, Eva Pratt Owen, Julia F. Brown, Annie B. Kenoyer, Margaret A. Cates, Joseph T. Lippincott.

Dover Charles M. Teague, Myron I. Jenness, Oscar E. Nutter, William T. Hussey, Walter H. Wood, Elizabeth Gray, Mildred Richardson.
Alternates: Lucille Jenness, Ruth Wood

Fairfield Sophia E. Hawkes, Arthur Jones, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Alice L. Farr, Emeline M. Hawkes, Albert N. Smith.

Quarterly Meeting appointments

5. Quarterly Meeting appointments to the Yearly Meeting's Nominating and Finance Committees have been received and confirmed. Superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, Missions, and Bible Schools have been duly reported in accordance with discipline.

Information from Quarterly Meetings

6. From the Quarterly Meetings have come certain items of information. Special attention is called to the consolidation of two of our Quarterly Meetings, Falmouth and Parsonsfield, to be known hereafter as Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.
(See printed Minutes, page 5)

✓ Named by representatives in accordance with minutes 14 and 16.

7. We are grateful for the presence amongst us at this time of a goodly number of Friends from other Yearly Meetings who have felt drawn to visit us in the love of the Gospel. We pray that they may be guided in the performance of whatever service may be laid upon them. With minutes of unity from their several meetings there are present these Friends: Visiting Friends

Merle L. Davis, secretary of the American Friends Board of Missions, with a minute from West Richmond Monthly Meeting, Indiana.

Jeanette Hadley, secretary of the Board on Christian Education, with a minute from Whitewater Monthly Meeting, Richmond, Indiana.

Hans Buchinger, a member of Bad Pyrmont Monthly Meeting, with a minute from the German Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

Cecil E. Hinshaw, a minister, and Pauline Hinshaw, his wife, with a minute from Penn Quarterly Meeting of Friends, Nebraska Yearly Meeting, who are entering on active service in Dover meeting, Dover Quarterly Meeting.

Without formal minutes there are in acceptable attendance:

Augustus T. Murray, a minister and lifelong member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, resident in California for many years.

Lowell E. Roberts, formerly a member of Fowler Monthly Meeting, Kansas Yearly Meeting, now a member with us and serving the meeting at Rochester, in Dover Quarterly Meeting.

Elihu Grant, a minister, and Amy Chase Grant, his wife, former members of this Yearly Meeting, but now members of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

Others who have been introduced to this Meeting are:

Clarence Perisho, from Oregon and Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Alexander H. Hay, from Canada Yearly Meeting.

Albert L. Scott, Jr., from New England Yearly Meeting.

Edith J. Hunt and Hettie Hunt, whose membership rights have been transferred from Indiana Yearly Meeting to Weare Monthly Meeting.

8. As a committee on returning minutes we appoint A. Edward Kelsey and Mary P. Ware. Returning minutes

9. The clerk of the Permanent Board has read to us the

subjoined digest of the proceedings of that body during 1938-39.

Records of Permanent Board — extracts from

This Meeting approves and ratifies the several decisions therein contained, including the adoption of the Budget for $8,000 for 1939-40. (see printed Minutes, page 7)

Summary of epistles

10. There has been read to us a summary of the epistles from the Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting, prepared by the Correspondence Committee. Reference has been made to the celebration in Ninth Month last by Iowa Yearly Meeting of the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding. New York bids us to pray for "courage to change what can be altered, serenity to endure what cannot be changed, and insight to discern the one from the other.... Faith in man and his divine possibilities is the difficult task our Quaker thought imposes on us." A covering letter from New York Yearly Meeting expressed appreciation for the presence and work of Harold N. Tollefson in their sessions in 1938, at which time he aided in establishing a Junior Yearly Meeting, now happily functioning.

Epistles read

11. We have listened with keen interest to the reading of epistles of friendly greeting and encouragement from the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, New England Yearly Meeting, Westerly, Rhode Island, the General Epistle from London, with a covering letter from the clerk of London Yearly Meeting, the Society of Friends in France, and the Religious Society of Friends in Australia.

In sincerity we unite with our French Friends in the conviction that "the cry which rises from suffering mankind urges us to pass from words to deeds, from the theory of the Gospel to its application.... Ought we not to consecrate ourselves afresh to practical expression, to ways of life which show forth the Spirit of the Master and our belief in the practical realization of the Kingdom of God? Is not the world eagerly awaiting, in its confusion, a revelation from the sons of God?"

12. A. Edward Kelsey, because of prospective absence from the

country, has presented his resignation as our representative to the Anti-Saloon League of Massachusetts. This has been accepted and the filling of the vacancy referred to the Nominating Committee.

13 The presiding clerk reports that he prepared according to direction certain minutes for young Friends who were planning to attend the International Young Friends Conference in England last summer.

Representatives to nominate Clerks

14 Our representatives are directed to confer at the close of the Bible Half hour and to bring in to the afternoon session names of Friends to serve as clerks. They are also to fill vacancies in their delegations, if desired.

Adjourned to meet at 3.45 this afternoon.
Afternoon. Met at the hour appointed.

Clerks chosen

15 The representatives have proposed at this time the names of Friends to serve as clerks:
Presiding Clerk, Lindley M. Binford
Recording Clerk, Lyra T. Wolkins
Reading Clerks, John W. Gatchell, Helen T. Gifford
The nominations have been approved and the appointments made for one year.

16. There have been submitted a few changes and substitutions on the delegations from the Quarterly Meetings, as permitted.

Deceased Friends

17 From service to reward, the hand of death has taken many of our active members. Some of these had attained an advanced age. Katherine Maxfield Goddard was ninety three. Charles Estes, Abbie Tilton Jenkins, and Amyetta S. Kirk had each reached the eighty-ninth year. Isaiah Douglas and Edwin I. Niles had been faithful ministers of the Gospel for over half a century. Three had acceptably held the position of overseer: Mary Esther Huntington, Laura M. Oakley, Lucy J. Gifford. Six had long

served their meetings in the station of elder: Bertha M. Cole, Marianna N. Chace, Phebe C. Clark, Charles Estes, Ellen Phillips, Abbie T. Jenkins. Mary Caroline Cartland, Dora Thayer Aldrich, and Lindley Cartland had been devoted and lifelong Friends. Elizabeth D. E. Sisson, widow of our esteemed Friend, Charles Sisson, while not holding membership with Friends, gave loyal and unceasing support throughout a long life to all missionary and educational activities of the Yearly Meeting, and especially to Huntington Home. In the Minutes of 1927 appears an historical sketch of the Home prepared by her from intimate knowledge of its beginnings, invaluable for reference. These losses summon us to greater faithfulness that we may bring in new workers to occupy the vacant places, that the Lord's work may suffer no neglect, but that

"New witnesses for Truth shall stand,
New instruments to sound abroad
The Gospel of a risen Lord."

H. H. Mosher Fund, report of Committee on Distribution of Income of

18 Details of the distribution of literature under care of the Committee on the Disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund have been read and accepted with appreciation. (See printed Minutes p. 10)

Missionary Committee reports

19 Turning to consideration of the missionary activities and interests of this Meeting, we have listened first to the report of the Missionary Committee, followed by a summary prepared by Jennie W. Gifford, the new chairman of the department of interest and publicity. A request for a grant of twenty five dollars for the use of this department is referred to the Finance Committee (see pages 11-12 of printed minutes)

Woman's Missionary Society reports

20 The Woman's Missionary Society has sent in an account of the work carried on under its auspices. (see pages 13-14, printed Minutes)

Amer. Friends Board of Missions report by Merle L. Davis

21. Instead of listening to the reading of the formal report of the American Friends Board of Missions, the Meeting had the privilege of a personal summary of news from the field, given by the secretary of the Board, Merle L. Davis. Concisely and clearly he presented word pictures of Friends work in Africa, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, the Tennessee mountains, and Palestine.

Consecration Service for the Kelseys & Alice W. Jones

22 Then the Meeting shared in a service of dedication and consecration of our three New England Friends who return to Palestine following years of labor there and a period of home service here. They go out under deep personal concern to represent not only our Yearly Meeting but the American Friends' Board of Missions, the Friends of these United States, and the Christian church at large. Augustus T. Murray led in an affecting prayer of dedication as A. Edward Kelsey, Marion E. Kelsey, and Alice Whittier Jones stood with us in solemn moments of devotion and surrender to the great work of reconciliation and love which Palestine so desperately needs. As they go to represent our Yearly Meeting especially, our prayers and hopes go with them as they will again see in the flesh the vision that John G. Whittier saw:

"Blest land of Judaea! thrice hallowed of song,
Where the holiest of memories pilgrim-like throng; . . .
I tread where the twelve in their wayfaring trod;
I stand where they stood with the chosen of God — . . .
Oh, the outward hath gone! but in glory and power,
The spirit surviveth the things of an hour;
Unchanged, undecaying, its Pentecost flame
On the heart's secret altar is burning the same!"

23 There were introduced to the Meeting two young women who have recently given service in Palestine, Belva Newsom and Clara Mary Newsom.

Appeal of Elihu Grant for Palestine orphans

24. Elihu Grant, who with his wife, Amy Chase Grant, devoted years of constructive educational effort in Ram Allah, especially as pioneer workers in the early days of the founding and development of the Boys School, appeared before us in an eloquent plea for mercy and humanitarian effort for the thousands of orphans who need feeding, clothing, and housing. On such must the new Palestine be built. Thus may be laid the foundations of a peace that shall be peaceable and enduring and Christian.

Assoc. Exec. Com. on Indian Affairs

25 The annual report of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs has been received and a special message

to our Yearly Meeting read in our hearing. Rufus M. Jones briefly summarized the history of New England Quaker interest in the work among the Indians, referring appreciatively to the many devoted members of this Yearly Meeting who gave years of sacrificing labor among the various tribes, and asking our continuing friendship and support.

26 In closing the afternoon's consideration of missionary affairs, there are words from the Message of the Jerusalem Meeting of the International Missionary Council which fittingly summarize this Meeting's attitude and concern:
"We believe in a Christlike world. We know nothing better; we can be content with nothing less. We do not go to the nations called non-Christian because they are the worst of the world and they alone are in need; we go because they are a part of the world and share with us in the same human need— the need of redemption from ourselves and from sin, the need to have life complete and abundant and to be remade after the pattern of Christ-likeness."

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Fifth day morning, Sixth Month 22d. Met according to adjournment.

27 After silent meditation and worship, the Meeting gave attention to the reading of two epistles, one from Friends in Pemba, another from the Society of Friends in Sweden. Pemba Friends tell us that their "hearts are touched by the enduring brotherly love spoken of in the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews.... Also we pray for all our Friends in whatever circumstances that Almighty God may give them faith, and the Holy Spirit lead them in grace and the love of Jesus Christ." Our Friends in Sweden speak of their realization that they "belong to a wide circle of suffering and searching men and women. The certainty of living in a world where God exists in the darkness as in the light has given us consolation and happiness. We feel the need of getting deeper into this certainty and the wish to help others to know it."

Arthur Santmier welcomed

28 Present at this session is Arthur Santmier, a minister, with a minute for service from Friendsville (Tennessee) Monthly Meeting, and Friendsville Quarterly Meeting of Wilmington Yearly Meeting. We are glad to have our friend with us after an absence of some years and welcome him to the freedom of the Meeting.

29 Elizabeth B. Jones of Philadelphia has been recognized and given a cordial greeting.

30 A. Edward Kelsey asks to be released from the Committee on Public Morals. His request is granted and the appointment of a substitute referred to the Nominating Committee.

31 Appointment of representatives from this Yearly Meeting to the American Friends Board of Missions should be made this year for a five-year period, the term of service to begin with the annual meeting of the Board next Fourth Month. The delegates to the Five Years Meeting will present nominations at a later session.

Letter from Five Yrs. Mtg. Exec. Com^tee

32 From the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting was received the following letter, explaining the program for united benevolences, the plans for the 1940 sessions of the Five Years Meeting, the work of the educational and evangelistic travelling secretaries, and indicating this Yearly Meeting's share of the assessment for administrative expenses as provided by discipline. (see pages 17-18 of printed minutes

State of Society considered

33 Proceeding to the scheduled consideration of State of Society, we have listened to a summary of the annual statistics ✓ from our meetings, prepared and read by the presiding clerk. There have been total additions of ninety-two, with a loss of 150, a net loss of fifty-eight. There have been fifty-nine deaths; ninety-one have been dropped from membership through resignation, transfer, and other reasons. Eighteen per cent of the membership is under twenty-one years of age; thirty-two per cent is non-resident. Twelve associate members have become active. Worcester has the largest

✓ In appendix to printed Minutes

resident membership; Winthrop the largest non-resident. Only one Quarter shows gain, Falmouth.

We seem to have failed to catch George Fox's vision of "a great people to be gathered." Numbers are not all that counts, but they do have meaning. Quoting from an English Friend: "The first Friends had no special strain of blood running in their veins, but they had what is far more important—a powerful conviction in their minds and a full and pure stream of divine love flowing through their lives. It was not their ancestors on both sides that instinctively pulled them into new and inspiring spiritual enterprise, but it was the power of God, which made them spiritually vital men and women and called them into the service of the Light in a world darkened and bemused."

Rufus M. Jones, Augustus T. Murray, and Alvano C. Goddard spoke to the subject of meetings for worship, stressing the value of small gatherings, meeting informally in "waiting worship". Prayer and worship are unifying, not divisive. There is evident need of developing a sense of expectancy in our worship gatherings, and openness of mind to the inflowings of the Divine love must be maintained.

Spiritual condition — reports on

34. Selected portions of the reports on spiritual condition of our meetings have been read by the presiding clerk. These reveal something of the local situations, in regard to standards of Christian living, family devotions, relations with the community, and maintenance of the regular meetings for worship. "Christian giving and Christian living are both recognized as necessary to spiritual growth." One Quarter reports: "All meetings reach out into their respective neighborhoods, carrying cheer and aid to the sick and shut-ins, comfort to the sorrowing. During the past year Friends have taken the lead in opposing gambling as well as other evils. . . . There is a wonderful spirit of fellowship and love increasingly evident in the Quarterly Meeting sessions, and many lively concerns have been presented at the Meetings of Ministry and Oversight." Another tells us that "All meetings are encouraged by the interest and spiritual development

of fine groups of young Friends." And from a fourth we read: "One of our meetings for worship was in charge of representatives of the Oxford Group movement, of whom there were nearly a hundred in attendance. Their emphasis on the simple yet difficult demands of the Christian life and their fundamental dependence on the inward guidance of the Divine Spirit called us back to what has ever been a central principle of the message of Friends."

Report of superintendent of Evangelistic & Church Extension Work

35 Following a résumé of the year's activity in our several meetings from Maine to Rhode Island, James A. Coney, superintendent of evangelistic and church extension work, reminded Friends of varying situations and backgrounds, pointed out failures, stressed encouragements, and emphasized opportunities for enlarging our field of service. (For report see printed Minutes pp. 20-23)

36 Participating in discussion of the subject were Alvano C. Goddard, Lindley J. Cook, Joseph T. Lippincott, Agnes W. Harrison, George H. Paul, Augustus T. Murray. There were suggestions that our adult membership needs arousing in order to stimulate the development of young people, that there be more pliability in the conduct of meetings for worship, that we speak less of religion and more of life in Christ. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men", said our Lord.

Corona R. Cook, Rebecca Wild, Cornelia P. Lockwood, Florence L. Stiller, Annie S. Dernier, and Mary P. Pearson spoke in real appreciation of the work of James A. Coney, encouraging him to spend even more time with young people's groups another year.

messages to absent aged members

37 A message of love is directed sent to our dear aged Friends, Sarah J. Swift, Mary Emma Howland, Henry F. Newell, Lucy A. Hawkes, and Thomas Y. Jackson; also to Frederick C. Dearborn and Arthur M. Hussey, who are detained by illness.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.
At the appointed hour, the Meeting settled into silence and adoration, listening to the voice of God and submitting our lives to His direction.

Messengers from Junior Yearly Meeting

38 The Junior Yearly Meeting has sent two messengers, Richard Young and Elizabeth Allen, to bring a letter of greeting and to show us two Quaker-clad dolls, Eli Jones and Sybil Jones, Junior, who are to pay visits to each of our Quarterly Meetings. (See page 23, printed Minutes, for letter)

Return messengers to Junior Y. Mtg.

39 We appoint Augustus T. Murray and Alice Whittier Jones as return messengers to visit the Junior Yearly Meeting tomorrow morning.

40 An epistle from the Netherlands Yearly Meeting in ninth annual session brought cheer and counsel, while from the neighboring island of Cuba we read a letter of fraternal greeting, in which there was stressed the need of a "struggle against the threatening phantasm of war".

Letter to Ram Allah Monthly Meeting

41 The Correspondence Committee submitted a draft of a letter to Ram Allah Monthly Meeting, which being satisfactory we direct the presiding clerk to sign it on our behalf and forward it forthwith so that it may reach Palestine before our three Friends arrive.

Report of Committee on Bible Schools & Religious Education

42 Attention was then given to the work of the Committee on Bible Schools and Religious Education, Harold N. Tollefson, superintendent, reading his report for the year. We are deeply indebted to him for the fine piece of work he is carrying on with the Bible Schools, and feel that through this medium the Junior Yearly Meeting is being closely linked with the local meetings.
(See pages 24-25, printed Minutes)

Jeanette Hadley, secr. 5 Yrs. Mtg. Board on Christian Education, gives address

43 We have been cheered by the presence during this week of the secretary of the Five Years Meeting Board on Christian Education, Jeanette Hadley, who has been conducting conferences, leading young people and teachers in classes on methods, and inspiring by her helpful and hopeful outlook. The Meeting listened with interest to her suggestive address.

The local meeting and the home furnish our pupils. There must then be leaders to show how to handle the Bible and help the child put it into living, else it is only a book among other books. Hence the need for Christian teachers. Only a Christian can lead into the Christian life. There must then be a knowledge of materials and skill in handling them, in providing goals, and showing the way of life. The job of the teacher, as of the minister, is evangelism. To show individual schools new methods and practice we can use what may be called "helping teachers", or supervisors. This is what the Five Years Meeting Board would like to be, a "helping teacher". How may we aid our Quarterly Meeting superintendents, so that they will not be content merely to give statistical reports, but to be alert and eager to show local schools new and practical ways of teaching? The Board on Christian Education issues from time to time sheets of suggestions, bulletins and folders, which will be gladly sent on request or through your Bible School superintendent. The radio is being used more frequently to promote Christian education. Watch for programs of this type. The field of Christian Education envisions a tremendous task, for it has to do with human lives. "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned ... from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus".

44 Many participated in the discussion which followed, on the many forms and phases of evangelism and ministry and Christian training. Oliver M. Frazer felt the need for a revival of both types of meetings, the "threshing" and the "silent worship" gatherings which were common in the early days of Quakerism. Rufus M. Jones confirmed this need and also spoke of the growth of the "wider Quaker fellowship". Archie E. Luther asked that we try to gain strength for purposeful action as did the early Friends. Our object should not be personal satisfaction, but an impelling outreach should follow as a result of individual experience. James A. Coney described the success that attended community open-air meetings

in North Berwick last summer, held under the auspices of the two local churches and the Friends, when they were able to assemble over three hundred people, nearly a quarter of the town's population.

Cecil E. Hinshaw urged certainty on matters of principles, deep conviction, accurate knowledge of Quaker fundamentals, if Friends are to grow and to win members. Alfred Osborne asked that we develop a sense of need in our local meetings and then invite James Coney in rather than to put on a program from the outside. Mary Hill Binford preferred the Yearly Meeting plan of allowing our superintendent to work from the centre as he is doing at present. Lindley J. Cook repeated the suggestion that the superintendent should be used more with the young Friends. Augustus T. Murray remarked on the need of a Divine dissatisfaction, saying that were we completely satisfied we should be extremely dull. One reason for decline had been the atrophy of the membership. We must recapture the habit of esteeming worship as a privilege. No matter what is the method used in our meetings for worship, we shall gain a reward if we go in the spirit of seeking guidance, and if the messages grow out of the group attitude. Each individual should be a worshipper, not a listener; a contributor, not a passive recipient. The non-professional ministry is one of our tenets which should be re-emphasized. The world is getting tired of formalism and ecclesiasticism.

Rebecca Wild wished that something might be sent down to our meetings incorporating certain of Augustus T. Murray's concerns. Albert L. Scott asked how we can interest young people more in our business sessions. Winnifred C. Moody added a plea that the young Friends be given more to do, and that there be consultation between older and younger Friends as to better ways of co-operating in the work of the Yearly Meeting. Arthur Lutmier suggested giving them positions of responsibility. Florence L. Hiller rejoiced that the wall of conservatism in the Society is giving way.

Discussion between older & younger Friends

45 A committee is named to meet with the young Friends to discuss ways of further co-operation. Rufus M. Jones

Frances E. Wheeler, James A. Coney, Hattie O. Cox, and Alice A. Macomber are specially designated, but others interested are invited to come together tomorrow morning at 8:30.

46
Grant for work of Fellowship Council desired

Rufus M. Jones has requested a grant of twenty five dollars for the work of the Fellowship Council, and this request is referred to the Finance Committee

Adjourned to tomorrow morning at 9.30.
Sixth day morning, Sixth Month 23d. Met according to adjournment.

In the opening moments of worship, our attention has been directed by the reading of the epistle from the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland to the worldwide fellowship of Friends, and we have been reminded of our unity in the Lord Jesus Christ, and our share in the suffering of the world. "As we serve in glad realization of our Saviour's wondrous power manifesting itself through our prayers, our lives, and our service, we shall have the eyes of our understanding opened. The winds of the spirit of God will once again blow upon us in all their fragrance and purity. ... May the Lord bless you and keep you... making you strong in His eternal love and wisdom during this coming year – a year that may well prove to be a time of deep spiritual testing for young and old alike.... May peace come once more to the tired and oppressed peoples of the earth, so that our Master may see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied."

Laura A. Ellison read the Thirteenth Psalm, with its cry for Divine help and its hope in Jehovah's answer. "How long, O Jehovah? ... Consider and answer me. ... But I have trusted in thy loving kindness."

47
Committee on Public Morals

The Committee on Public Morals brought to the Meeting an account of the year's accomplishments, evidencing their care and concern for right temperance education. Oliver M. Frazer followed with a keen analysis of the situation, the need of education, individual conviction, purposeful thinking, and the development of a better public conscience. A. Edward Kelsey continued with helpful suggestions on co-ordinating community forces for righteousness (Report is on pages 23-30 of the printed Minutes)

Committee on Education: student loans

48 A report of loans to needy students has been presented by the Committee on Education, with explanations by L. Ralston Thomas and George L. Crosman. (see page 31, printed Minutes)

Reports on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School

49. Educational topics being scheduled as the order of the day, the Meeting first gave attention to the reports from the Rhode Island schools. For the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School, in the absence of Charles H. White, clerk, the head master, L. Ralston Thomas, read the one hundred twentieth report of Moses Brown School, while Amy L. Philips, head mistress, presented the Lincoln School report. A detailed reading, of the financial statements was omitted, by desire of the Meeting, and only the auditors' endorsements were presented.

(Reports appear on pages 32-38, printed Minutes

Report on Oak Grove School

50 On behalf of Oak Grove School, Eva Pratt Owen, Associate Principal, read the general account of the year's accomplishments. The financial report was not read in detail, the auditor's endorsement being given instead.

The teaching and influence of Alice Whittier Jones, who is to spend the coming year in Ram Allah, Palestine, will be greatly missed by both faculty and students.

(For reports, see printed Minutes, pages 38-41

51 It is our conviction that Friends are continuing their traditional concern for the right education of their children, whether in boarding school, public school, or college. We are grateful for the continuing devotion and faithful service on the part of the principals and teachers in all three of the Yearly Meeting Schools. To quote a Minute of London Yearly Meeting (1939): "For what are we preparing our young people? Are they being raised so they can understand at first hand those of other nations; or those of lesser opportunities in our own land? Are they being adequately prepared to go out with a true religious background into a world where Christian foundations are being ignored or directly challenged?"

Request to add four members to Moses Brown School Committee

52 Rufus M. Jones presented the request of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School to add four members from outside the Yearly Meeting membership, such appointment to be made by the School Committee itself and to consist of local interested people, representative of the alumni, the parents, and other Providence friends of the School.

53 Discussion was participated in by Frances E. Wheeler, George G. Wolkins, T. Edward Kelsey. Robert E. Owen suggested that the Oak Grove principals would appreciate a similar privilege, though not authorized to make a formal request at this time. Archie E. Luther and Alvano C. Goddard agreed with George G. Wolkins that the matter should be thoroughly discussed throughout the Yearly Meeting and that decision be delayed at least until the time of the meeting of the Permanent Board in Second Month next. Alfred Osborne, Eva Pratt Owen, Augustus T. Murray, and George L. Crosman preferred that the matter be settled in this session. The question being put before the Meeting, the general consensus of opinion pointed to agreement in granting the committee's request.

Request granted & permission given the Committee to appoint four additional members

54. The Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School is given permission to add to its present number four additional members, who may or may not be Friends.

Contribution asked for Friendsville Academy

55. Arthur Santmier asked if the Yearly Meeting would not like to make a contribution to Friendsville Academy. His request was referred to the Finance Committee.

Nominations to 5 Yrs. Mtg. Board of Missions

56. The Five Years Meeting delegates have conferred and send in the following nominations for Friends to represent this Yearly Meeting on the American Friends Board of Missions:

Arthur Jones   Frances E. Wheeler

Appreciation for service of G. G. Wolkins & Alice W. Jones on Mission Board

"The Meeting desires to record its gratitude to its present representatives on the American Friends Board of Missions, George G. Wolkins and Alice Whittier Jones, who have served for seven years, but who because of other commitments cannot consider re-appointment.

Arthur Jones Frances E. Wheeler appointed members of Amer. Friends Board of Missions

57 This Meeting appoints to service on the American Friends Board of Missions, Arthur Jones and Frances E. Wheeler, the term to begin in Fourth Month, 1940, with the annual meeting of the Board, and to be for a period of five years, or until the Fourth Month preceding the Five Years Meeting next to be held after 1940.

Committee appointments made

58 Nominations have been presented and confirmed for a number of the standing committees of the Yearly Meeting. {See Directory in printed Minutes

Adjourned to tomorrow morning at 9.30.

Seventhday morning, Sixth Month 24th. Convened at the hour appointed.

Junior Yearly Meeting in attendance

59 After uniting in a brief period of worship, the Meeting welcomed the members of the Junior Yearly Meeting. They sang in unison, "This is my Father's world". Harold N. Tollefson, superintendent, explained the Junior charts and symbols, which have been placed on the rear wall of this assembly room, and described the new Junior pins. Last evening the Juniors celebrated the tenth anniversary of the founding of their Yearly Meeting.

60 An epistle from the German Yearly Meeting, held at Bad Pyrmont, Eighth Month 3d to 7th, 1938, has brought us into deep sympathy with our Friends in Central Europe. Their Yearly Meeting was preceded by a four-day period of preparation, in which they studied the parables of our Lord. At their gathering they "had the sense of being deeply under the impress of worldwide friendship and of an outlook upon great tasks. Do we not live, as it were, at the beginning of a new wave which, behind the dark depths of the present day, rises up out of the longing of countless hearts?"

61 We have been touched by the message sent us by Friends in New Zealand in an epistle read at this time. "We Friends are a small scattered community in a distant corner of the world, . . . But recent contacts have enabled us to enter more fully into the wider fields of our Society's activities and to become more conscious of the great heritage

of thought and principle that has been handed on to us.... Only as we are united and resolute in the upholding of our Quaker principles, can we play a part worthy of our traditions, as leaven in the life of this young country."

Rhode Island archives of Society of Friends

62 L. Ralston Thomas spoke of the recently issued volume, listing the records and including brief historical sketches of Friends meetings in Rhode Island. The work has been done under the Historical Records Survey, one of the departments of the Works Progress Administration. The book is entitled "Inventory of Church Archives of Rhode Island – Society of Friends." It may be obtained for a small sum through L. Ralston Thomas. Similar volumes are in process of preparation for other states.

Board of Care and Relief, report of

63 The chairman of the Board of Care and Relief, Alfred Osborne, read the thirty-fourth annual report of Huntington Home. The timely aid now being received from the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust Fund has been greatly appreciated by the Board. From the treasurer, Ernest C. Ainsworth, came the accompanying financial statement which has been read to us. A. Edward Kelsey, and Alvano C. Goddard gave tribute to the place and contribution of the Home. (On pages 44-45 are the reports)

S. N. P. Dixon Trust Fund, report on the

64 The Committee on the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust has presented the following annual report, read by its chairman, Winslow H. Osborne. The Meeting notes with approval the enlargement of the property of Huntington Home by the purchase of the Bertha E. Haviland house and land adjoining. (Committee report is on p. 46, printed Minutes)

65 The consideration of Yearly Meeting finances has been entered upon at this session with the reading by the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, George G. Wolkins, of a digest of the report for the year ending Sixth Month 20, 1939. Endorsement of Joseph L. Hiller, auditor, is properly attached, revealing thorough examination of all books, accounts and vouchers. The complete statement of receipts and disbursements of Yearly Meeting current funds and

United Budget moneys was approved and accepted, with expressions of appreciation for the capable services of the treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer ✓

6 Mo. 25, 1938, to 6 Mo. 20, 1939

Receipts

On hand, 6 Mo. 25, 1938		
Receipts Cash, demand deposit, Second Natl. Bank, Boston	$ 2,102 17	
Cash, Savings Dept., Do (emergency fund for ministers et al.)	110 04	
Cash, Savings Dept., Newton Trust Company	125 34	$ 2,337 55
Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
The Quarterly Meetings	$ 1,658 50	
Sales of "Discipline"	24 50	
C. E. Hoag legacy for Huntington Home	1,500 00	3,183 00
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1938-39)		
Local meetings in the Quarterly Meetings	$ 3,102 07	
Individual subscriptions	2,090 00	
Woman's Missionary Society of Yearly Meeting	600 00	5,792 07
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1938-39)		
Subscriptions to the Deficit		311 00
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1939-40)		
Local meetings	$ 312 80	
Individual subscriptions	620 00	932 80
Sundries:		
Durham meeting for Spanish relief	$ 8 80	
Woman's Missionary Society for Assoc. Exec. Comtee on Indian Affairs	65 00	
Smithfield Quarter for Housing Fund	25 00	98 80
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:		
Offering, 6 Mo. 23, 1938	45 39	
Return premium, automobile insurance	5 08	
Donation for Wayside Pulpit mottoes	25 00	
Liquidating dividend, Fidelity Trust Co.	20 97	
United Budget, 1938-39, available under appropriation	2,374 04	
Do additional, to reduce deficit	1,000 00	
From Yearly Meeting quota	500 00	3,970 48
Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools:		
United Budget, 1938-39, available under appropriation		46 70
Yearly Meeting Committee on Public Morals:		
United Budget, 1938-39, available under appropriation	$ 62 27	
Interest credited, to 4 Mo. 1, 1939	50	62 77
Committee on Sarah N. P. Dixon Trust:		
Income from Provident Trust Company	$ 1,525 00	
Drawn from principal	5,500 00	
Interest credited to 6 Mo. 20, 1939	15 99	7,040 99
Carried forward		$ 23,776 16

✓ Summarized. Full report is in the printed Minutes, pages 47 to 54

Brought forward	$ 23,776 16
Interest on Newton Trust Co. savings, credited to sundry accounts	2 50
Interest credited to savings account, (Emergency Fund Ministers & Workers)	1 66
Interest credited to Emily M. Jones legacy	14 50
	$ 23,794 82

Payments

Payments

Yearly Meeting Current Funds:				
Expenses, 1938 sessions			$ 55 00	
Expenses Friends visiting with minutes			29 95	
Bible Half-hour			50 00	
Lindley M. Buford, presiding clerk			50 00	
Lyra T. Wolkins, recording clerk			25 00	
Premium on surety bond for treasurer ($5,000)			12 50	
Printed Yearly Meeting "Minutes", (1938) 1,550 copies			491 00	
Additional, for sewing binding, "Minutes"			13 00	
Alterations in "Minutes"			22 05	
Postage and express on "Minutes"			14 24	
Circulars (1,200), postage, &c, Committee Arrangements			26 80	
Five Years Meeting assessment			207 54	
Interdenominational Commission of Maine, dues			2 00	
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee, toward deficit			500 00	
Postage for treasurer			8 31	
Yearly Meeting & Junior epistles, 50 & 35 copies			7 25	
Programmes (500) for sessions of Yearly Meeting (1938)			17 50	
Interest, debited			21 36	
American Friends Fellowship Council			25 00	
Copy of George W. Varney will			1 00	
			$1,579 50	
Legacy of Charles E. Hoag paid to Board of Managers of Investments of Permanent Funds			1,500 00	$3,079 50
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1938-39):				
To Five Years Meeting		$2,980 00		
Expense items, postage &c		11 08		
Interest debited		7 13		
To Yearly Meeting Committees:				
Evangelistic	$ 2,374 04			
Board of Young Friends activities	62 27			
Public Morals	62 27			
Bible Schools	46 70			
Peace	15 57			
		2,560 85		
To Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee, to reduce deficit		1,000 00		6,559 06
Carried forward				$ 9,638 56

Brought forward			$ 9,638 56
United Budget expense items not yet debited to specific accounts			52 70
Sundry Remittances:			
Spanish Relief	8 80		
Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	65 00		
Housing fund, Young Friends Board &c	25 00		98 80
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:			
In aid of Meetings		$1,670 00	
General superintendent: Salary	$1,920 00		
Expenses, sundry	13 86	1,933 86	
Automobile: expense items	61 89		
Payments on new car	166 92		
Excise tax	13 80		
1939 plates	13 54		
License	2 00	258 15	
"Wayside Pulpit" mottoes to Meetings:			
East Parsonsfield	7 50		
Allen's Neck	7 50		
Worcester	6 00	21 00	
Repairs, &c, East Parsonsfield residence		322 93	
Gospel services of Willard O. Trueblood		50 00	4,255 94
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee:			
To Calhoun School			150 76
Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools &c			
Honorarium to Clifford M. Osborne $	10 00		
Bibles	7 00		
Subscriptions: Sunday School Times $ 22.75			
Journal of Religious Education 9.00	31 75		
Reading campaign folder, certificates of recognition, &c	35 50		
For use of superintendent	20 00	104 25	104 25
Yearly Meeting Committee on Public Morals:			
Exhibition in Springfield		20 00	
State W.C.T.U. organizations		20 00	
Travel to meetings Anti Saloon League		1 66	
Expenses, Raymond E. Mendenhall		13 40	
Donation to Five Years Meeting Board		25 00	
For use of superintendent of literature		10 00	90 06
Committee on Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust:			
To Board of Care and Relief for Huntington Home		$1,500 00	
Examination of records & survey, Main Street, Amesbury		25 00	
Purchase of Main Street property →		5,500 00	7,025 00
Emily M. Jones legacy for Evangelistic Committee paid to Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds			1,000 00
Interest expended, debited to Newton Trust Company account			2 50
Carried forward			$22,418 57

Brought forward		$ 22,418 57
On hand to balance:		
Cash, demand deposit 2d Natl Bank Boston	$ 1,136. 71	
Cash, deposited Savings Dept. 2d Natl. Bank representing Emergency Fund for Ministers &c	111 70	
Cash, deposited Savings Dept. Newton Trust Co.	127 84	1,376 25✓
		$ 23,794 82

✓ This amount represents the following balances:

Reserve	$ 194 68	
Committee on S. N. P. Dixon Trust	655 66	
Y. Mtg. Committee on Public Morals	72 16	
Y. Mtg. Committee on Bible Schools	72 89	
Emergency Fund, Ministers & Workers	111 70	
United Budget, 1938-39 deficit	311 00	
United Budget, 1939-40	932 80	
Emily M. Jones legacy for foreign missions	514 50	
		$ 2,865 39
Less adverse balances, as follows:		
Yearly Meeting current funds	398 70	
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee	967 74	
United Budget expense items	52 70	
Yearly Meeting Committees account	70 00	
		$ 1,489 14
		$ 1,376 25

Submitted,

George G. Wolkins, Treasurer

Examined & found correct,
with proper vouchers,
Joseph L. Hiller, for the Auditors

Report of Board of Auditors of Property of the Yearly Meeting

66 Detailed examination of Yearly Meeting property, books of account, records of transactions, balance sheets and vouchers, has been cared for by the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting.

The loyal and devoted services of Frederick C. Dearborn were referred to, and there were cordial expressions of appreciation for his faithful work as one of the auditing board through all the years since 1905 when the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting was first appointed.

The report of the auditors was read and accepted and is as follows: (Report is on pages 55-57, printed Minutes)

67 Recommendations of the Finance Committee having been submitted, this Meeting approved and adopted them item by item and instructed the Quarterly Meetings to carry out each and every direction therein contained.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee

1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $1,700 be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses during the year 1939-40, payable half on 11 Mo. 1 and the remainder on 5 Mo. 1, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $2,000 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings.

2. That the treasurer be authorized to make payments within the following appropriations:

Five Years Meeting Assessment for the year ending 3 Mo. 31, 1940		$ 225
Printing and distribution of Yearly Meeting Minutes:		
For printing	500	
For sewing the binding	15	
For corrections	40	
For mailing and express	20	
		575
Entertainment of visiting ministers and other workers at sessions of Yearly Meeting...		100
Expense of holding sessions .... 1939....		100
Sundry items of expense incident to sessions of Yearly Meeting		200
For use of Committee on Care of Vault and Records in Moses Brown School....		50
Minor expenses during the year		50
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee deficit....		500
		$1,800

3. That the requests in behalf of Friendsville Academy and the American Friends Fellowship Council be regarded as benevolences to be dealt with through the United Budget rather than to be raised through the quota for Yearly Meeting current expenses.

4. That the sums owed by Rhode Island Quarter and by Fairfield Quarter for the fiscal years prior to the year 1939-40 be cancelled and that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Fairfield Quarterly Meeting be excused from the payment of all arrears on quota as of today.

5. That the following apportionment of the $1,700 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted for the year 1939-40:

Percentages

Rhode Island	18	Smithfield	11
Salem	20	Vassalboro	6
Sandwich	16	Dover	5
Falmouth	15 ✓	Fairfield	9

(✓ Includes Parsonsfield)

6. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the clerks of Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their

records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

7. That our local meetings give most serious consideration to the requirements of the United Budget and that determined effort should be made not only to raise the entire amount authorized by the Permanent Board in 2 Mo. last but that remittances be made as nearly as possible in equal monthly instalments. Under Minute No. 30, 1927, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to send each month to the Five Years Meeting one-twelfth of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the United Budget requirement, and all local meetings are urged to co-operate in this respect.

8. That the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to borrow in the name of the Yearly Meeting such sums as may be needed to make possible equal monthly remittances of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the Five Years Meeting through United Budget requirements for the year 1939-40 and to borrow such further sums as may be needed to meet the requirements of the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee.

9. That the Finance Committee be authorized to provide for the auditing of the treasurer's accounts and that the treasurers of all committees handling funds for the Yearly Meeting be required to have their accounts audited by such persons as shall be designated by the chairman of the Finance Committee.

10. That the presiding clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the chairman of the Finance Committee, acting together, be given authority to approve the payment of charges for the entertainment of visiting ministers and others from a distance who attend the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

11. That George G. Wolkins be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee, Edward L. Macomber,
Chairman

68 George G. Wolkins is appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

69 The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has sent in an account of the work under care of its Committee on Gospel Service.
(See p. 59, printed Minutes)

General Epistle approved

70 From the Correspondence Committee has come the draft of an epistle to be sent to all bodies of Friends. This has been read and accepted and our clerks instructed to sign and dispatch it on our behalf.

Returning minutes given Visiting Friends

71 The committee on returning minutes presented copies of minutes of appreciation for the services of our visiting Friends. These are acceptable and are directed signed and forwarded to the Meetings which granted certificates for service to Merle L. Davis, Janette Hadley, Cecil E. and Pauline Hinshaw, Hans Buchinger, and Arthur Santmier.

James A. Coney presents return minutes

72 The following minutes have come to us from Hartshill Preparative and Warwickshire Monthly Meetings, England, expressing their pleasure in the presence and work of James A. Coney: (copies on page 60, printed Minutes)

Friends voiced their appreciation of what James Coney's trip has meant, not only to him and to his wife and family, but to us of New England who have enjoyed his vivid reports of the visit to England. George H. Paul referred to Hartshill as his birthplace, and was especially interested in the Minute from Hartshill Preparative Meeting.

James A. Coney named General Superintendent

73 This Meeting appoints James A. Coney general superintendent for the coming year, with gratitude and appreciation for his gifted labors in our New England field.

74 William C. Hartnett and Alice T. Hartnett have been welcomed at this time.

Minute for Service granted A. Edward Kelsey and Marion E. Kelsey

75 The prospect of our Friends, A. Edward and Marion E. Kelsey, for religious service in Ram Allah, Palestine, has been brought before this Meeting through a minute from Salem Quarterly Meeting, bearing approval of Amesbury Monthly Meeting and also of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. We approve the liberation of our Friends to this service, and a minute is directed to be suitably prepared as provided for in the Discipline. Words from John G. Whittier's verses to Eli and Sybil Jones on their journey to the Holy Land in 1867 express most

appropriately the sentiment of the members of this Meeting regarding the Mission of these dear Friends:

"Go, angel-guided, duty-sent!
Our thoughts go with you o'er the foam;
Where'er you pitch your pilgrim tent
Our hearts shall be and make it home.
And we will watch (if so He wills
Who ordereth all things well) your ways
Where Zion lifts her olive hills
And Jordan ripples with His praise.
Oh! blest to teach where Jesus taught,
And walk with Him Gennesarets' strand!
But whereso'er His work is wrought,
Dear hearts, shall be your Holy Land."

76 Nominations Further nominations sent in by the Nominating Committee have been approved.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon

Afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

After moments of recollection, the epistle from Illinois Yearly Meeting was read in our hearing, in which the hope is expressed that "beauty and truth shall not decline; and that our worthy endeavors of the past shall not perish but be added unto."

77 Visit to Junior Yearly Meeting Our messengers to the Junior Yearly Meeting report a happy and satisfactory visit. Both Augustus T. Murray and Alice Whittier Jones had vocal service.

78 Nominations Final nominations to committee service have been read and approved.

79 From the Peace Committee came the acceptable reports that appear herewith. (see pages 62-3, printed Minutes)

80 American Friends Service Committee, account of A report of the lines of work carried on under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee during the year past has been sent in, but instead of reading it in detail Rufus M. Jones gave an informal account of their most interesting undertakings. He described the refugee work; the earlier child-feeding in Spain and now with Spanish refugees in southern France; co-operation with the British Friends Service Council in the beginning of a Quaker centre in

Shanghai, with Harry T. Silcock and Herbert Hodgkin in charge; rehabilitation work in soft-coal mining areas; work camps; institutes of international relations; and the Fellowship Council. George A. Selleck called attention to the institute at Wellesley College, which begins next Third-day, the 27th. Augustus T. Murray spoke of the broadcasts on Quakerism in which he had been privileged to share, speaking on "Why I am a Friend."

Peace Committee to plan for regional peace conference

81 This Meeting unites in the suggestion of George A. Selleck that we share in plans for a regional conference in which all bodies of Friends in New England may unite, which it may seem wise to hold sometime during the coming season. We delegate the care of the entire matter to a committee to consist of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee together with James A. Coney and George A. Selleck.

Report of Board of Young Friends Activities

82 From the Board of Young Friends Activities we have received reports of the splendid work under their care. A letter has also been read, offering the services of two teams of young people to carry the peace message into various meetings during the summer.

(Reports on pages 64-65, printed Minutes

83 Albert L. Scott, Junior, asked the Meeting's permission to read a communication expressing the desire of the New England Young Friends Committee to co-operate more closely with the Young Friends Board. The Yearly Meeting expressed approval of the general intent and purpose of the suggestion and leaves the matter with full confidence to the Board of Young Friends Activities to carry on co-operative activities as way may open.

Oak Grove Board given permission to name additional members

84 The Board of Managers of Oak Grove School requests the privilege of appointing three additional members. This request is granted.

World Committee for Consultation

85. A letter was read regarding the Friends World Committee for Consultation, to which James A. Coney spoke, describing the meetings last fall at Vallekilde, Denmark, which he attended as our representative. He feels that a large field of service is opening before this co-operative body of Friends. It is thought possible that 1943 may prove to be a suitable time

for holding an All-American Friends Conference. J. Hoge Ricks of Richmond, Virginia, is chairman of the American Section of this committee.

(East) Greenwich Monthly Meeting property to be disposed of & proceeds given to Providence Monthly Meeting

86 Willis H. White informs this Meeting that the East Greenwich, Rhode Island, meeting-house property has become a great care to the small number of members now remaining in Greenwich Monthly Meeting. They had suggested that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting might take over the care of the records and of the property; the records have already been removed for safe-keeping to the vault in Moses Brown School. East Greenwich Academy, whose property adjoins, is willing to purchase the house and land. After discussion, the Yearly Meeting approved the request of Greenwich Monthly Meeting that it be allowed to dispose of the property, real and personal, and turn over the proceeds to Providence Monthly Meeting.

Young Friends attended Internatl. Young Friends Conference

87 The young Friends named in 1939 to attend the sessions of the Young Friends Conference in England last summer report that they were all present.

Augustus T. Murray presence appreciated

88 The Meeting desires to record its heartfelt appreciation of the presence and service of our dear Friend, Augustus T. Murray, and especially of his beautiful interpretations of the Scriptures in the Bible Half-hour.

Thanks to 5 Years Meeting Boards

89 We are thankful for the liberation by the Five Years Meeting Boar of Missions and Board on Christian Education of their secretaries, Merle L. Davis and Jeanette Hadley, whose contributions to our missionary and religious education programs have been stimulating and constructive.

90 Organizations of the several committees and boards have been sent in.

Certified Minutes deposited

91 Three copies of the printed Minutes of 1938 have been certified by the clerks and placed on deposit in the vault in Moses Brown School.

On time & place of holding Yearly Meeting

92 The time and place of holding the sessions of the Yearly Meeting in 1940 have been carefully considered and we have decided to leave the matter to the Permanent Board with full power to fix the place and the date. We grant the Permanent Board at its reorganization meeting tonight power to name a committee to take up this matter.

Direction to Printing Committee

93 We direct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,550 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, if in their judgment that number seems needed.

Extracts from Minutes

94 We instruct our clerks to make all necessary extracts from the minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

Method of choosing clerks to be studied by Permanent Board

95 The present system of choosing clerks for this Meeting appears to have certain disadvantages. After discussion, the question of the method of appointing clerks of the Yearly Meeting has been referred to the Permanent Board for consideration.

96 The excellent work of the Committee on Arrangements for the Yearly Meeting has been deeply appreciated.

97 We again desire to extend to the Ocean Park Association and to the New England Baptist Conference our gratitude for their hospitality. To each and every one of their helpers and associates we are also thankful for kindnesses received.

Adjourned to 2.30 tomorrow afternoon.

First day afternoon, Sixth Month 25th. Met according to adjournment.

Friends met for worship and praise and instruction preceding the closing business session. James A. Coney was in charge and the meeting opened with singing, "I love to tell the Story". After silent and vocal prayer, John Marsh of Portland, accompanied by Edna Hutchinson at the piano, sang "I know that My Redeemer liveth."

The special significance of the meeting lay in the prospective departure of A. Edward and Marion E. Kelsey and Alice Whittier Jones for Ram Allah. Katherine L. Haviland, a former teacher in the Girl's School, sang "There's a wideness in God's mercy". A. Edward Kelsey spoke from the vision of John on the isle of Patmos: "And I saw a beast rise up out of the sea." There is evil in the world which we must recognize, if we would work for the salvation of the world through Christ. We must see war in all its hideousness, the evil of intemperance and the liquor traffic, the gambling mania, and all the other social evils that are rampant. Then turning to chapter XXI of the book of Revelation, we read: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth". Or, as in the Gospel: "And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion"—"Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world". We are going back to Palestine to help clean up the "mess" there, back with the Gospel of Christ. Review the story of Raymond Lull with his dream of rescuing the sepulchre from Mohammed. The only way to reach the Mohammedan is through pouring out blood and prayer and tears. "I saw an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness".

John Marsh sang again, "The Stranger of Galilee".

Alice Whittier Jones told of the Mohammedan who once remarked to her: "You Christians ought to hate the Jews more than we Moslems do, for they killed your Christ." Her reply was: "But our Christ taught us we must never hate; we must always love." Those who are called by the name of Christian must learn to love individuals and nations. Love gives and forgives. "For this is love's prerogative, To give, and give, and give."

98 Turning to the brief business session, the Meeting listened with gratitude to the report of the Junior superintendent, Harold N. Tollefson, as he gave details of the very successful session of the Junior Yearly Meeting which closed last evening. The numbers had been difficult to estimate owing to the way in which the older Juniors had mingled with the young Friends, attending many of their classes and meetings. There had been about seventy actually enrolled in Junior "A" and Junior "B". He then read the epistle which the Junior epistle committee had prepared.

Junior Yearly Meeting report

(Junior epistle and minutes, pp. 73-76 {printed minutes

99 From the Permanent Board came this communication: {See printed minutes page 69}

Time & place for 1940 Yearly Meeting

We therefore fix the time and place of holding the 1940 Yearly Meeting as Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 26th to 30th, with the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight meeting on Sixth Month 25th.

100 The presiding clerk then read the closing minute, as the two hundred seventy ninth session of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England was brought to a close.

Concluding Minute

We have been impressed during these days of fellowship by a fine spirit of unity and co-operation. If it were possible to permeate our entire membership with this same spirit, the accomplishments of the coming year would be of notable extent and value.

Our desires for the church of the future have been greatly strengthened by the large number of young people and juniors in attendance. They promote an effective program of training along lines which are fundamental to an understanding of the responsibilities of church membership.

We have been greatly helped and encouraged by the messages of Friends from other fields of service. The morning devotional periods and the Bible Half-hour have been times of spiritual refreshing.

The overshadowing influence of the Divine Spirit has enabled us to demonstrate the possibility of reaching conclusions in the spirit of love and unity. In the midst of the turmoil and confusion which threaten human society the world over, we are called upon to stand firm for a way of life which can remove the causes of strife and establish peace and goodwill among men.

Having accomplished the objects of our gathering, we conclude, purposing to meet in Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 26th to the 30th inclusive, 1940, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,

Lindley M. Binford Presiding Clerk
Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk

1940

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. At the two hundred eightieth annual session of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Ocean Park, Maine, for worship and business, beginning at 9.30 a.m. on Fourth day, the twenty-sixth of Sixth Month, 1940.

2. As the meeting assembled in the fellowship of prayer, the presiding clerk read the twenty-seventh Psalm. "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? . . . Wait on the Lord; . . . Be of good courage."
Words of encouragement to individual faithfulness were spoken by Rufus M. Jones. James A. Coney, reading from the London Epistle, turned our thoughts to our brethren in England, who are still hopefully praying for the coming of Christs' Kingdom today. Josephine H. Carr emphasized the truth that "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

3. By accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that the following persons have been named as their representatives to this Meeting:

Rhode Island – Charles H. White, L. Ralston Thomas, Willis H. White, Archie E. Luther, Josephine H. Carr, Helen T. Gifford, Elizabeth J. Grant, Harriet E. Angle.

Salem – Blanche R. Howland, Pauline B. Burdett, James Wild, Grace P. Atkins, Emma Crabtree, Winslow H. Osborne, Gertrude W. Osborne, Elizabeth L. Cooley, Louisa Prescott, A. Ella Clark, Alfred Osborne, Annie S. Dernier ✓

Alternates

Herman J. Lawrence, Wilbur W. Kamp, Annie S. Dernier, Ethel S. Austin, Edith J. Hunt.

Sandwich – Robert F. Chase, Annie E. Rose, Jennie W. Gifford, Alvano C. Goddard, Frances A. Howland, Edward L. Macomber, Florence L. Hiller, Thomas A. Tripp, Mary I. Gifford.

Falmouth[2] – Fannie K. Timberlake, Cora E. Wiggin, Hattie O. Cox, M. Melvin Bailey, Corona R. Cook, Mary P. Ware, Laura E. Jones, John C. Gatchell, Harriet E. Cartland, Martha A. Graffam, Cora L. Moorehead, Alberta W. Millward, Lettie M. Bailey ✓

[2] Now includes Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.

✓ Named by representatives, Minutes 5 & 17

Falmouth (cont.) Alternates

Carolyn T. Small, Lucy C. Graham, Thelma L. Young, Lindley J. Cook.

Smithfield Harry Harrison, Arthur W. Hawkes, Margaret E. Wheeler, Susan L. Dow, Frances E. Wheeler, Agnes W. Harrison, Melita B. Fisher, Doris P. Moory, Lucia A. Wheeler. Alternate, Evelyn Wilson.

Vassalboro Edith P. Whitten, Robert E. Owen, Margaret A. Cates, Rufus M. Jones, Eva Pratt Owen, Mary W. Jones, Elda R. Henderson, Ralph W. Austin, Miriam E. Jones,✓ Elizabeth C. Burleigh.✓

Dover Oscar E. Nutter, Myron D. Jenness, Cecil E. Hinshaw, Elsie F. Coney, Lowell E. Roberts, Maude A. Fowler, Bertha E. Richardson.

Fairfield Sophia E. Hawkes, Mary E. Jones, Arthur Jones, Emeline M. Hawkes.

Of the sixty-eight representatives appointed, sixty are in attendance. Excuses for absence have been given for some. Four vacancies have been filled by the representatives, as directed.

Quarterly Meeting appointments 4. In our hearing have been read Quarterly Meeting appointments to the Yearly Meeting's Nominating and Finance Committees. These have been duly confirmed. Superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, Missions and Bible Schools have been reported.

Representatives to correct errors 5. The representatives are directed to correct certain irregularities in appointments to the Finance and Nominating Committees, since it is required that members of these committees be regularly-named representatives. The representative body is also given power to fill vacancies in delegations, if so desired.

Information from Quarterly Meetings 6. Items of information from Quarterly Meetings have been read and approved herewith. (see page 5, printed Minutes)

Visiting Friends 7. The presence with us of Friends from other Yearly Meetings brings encouragement and inspiration. We welcome them in the love of the Gospel to freedom of service in our sessions, as the Lord may direct.

Presenting minutes bearing the unity and approbation of their several meetings are:

Florence Mae Smith, Seaside Monthly Meeting of Friends in Jamaica, B.W.I.

Kenneth Boulding, Mohawk Valley Preparative Meeting, Syracuse Monthly Meeting, New York.

✓ Named by representatives, Minutes 5 and 17.

William M. Smith, a minister, and Annie W. Smith, his wife, Union Monthly Meeting, Westfield, Indiana, with the added approval of Union Quarterly Meeting.

Simeon O. Smith, a minister, and Lavaun Smith, his wife, Union Monthly Meeting, Westfield, Indiana, with the added approval of Union Quarterly Meeting.

Other visiting Friends who have been introduced at this time and greeted in Friendly fellowship are:

George Hawkes, a minister, Twentieth Street meeting, New York.

Jessie Gidley Carter and Marion Goodwin, New England Yearly Meeting, Westerly, Rhode Island.

Robert J. Leach, Columbus, Ohio, and Philip Dewees, Haverford, Pa

Edith Lee Rhodes, Brooklyn meeting, New York Yearly Meeting.

Thomas R. Kelly, Haverford Monthly Meeting.

Clyde A. Milner, President Guilford College, North Carolina.

David Webb, Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, Indiana.

May we "Stir up one another in that which is good and to faithfulness in the Truth this day."

Greetings
rom Ocean Park
Assembly

8. Greetings from the Ocean Park Association and Assembly were brought by Charles E. Hamlen, superintendent, with welcome and proffered hospitality.

Committee
on Returning
Minutes

9. We appoint Alfred Osborne and Mary P. Ware as a committee to prepare returning minutes for Friends who are present with minutes.

Records of
Permanent
Board

10. Extracts from the records of the Permanent Board have been read to us by the clerk of that body. This Meeting approves and ratifies the several decisions therein contained. The adoption of the Budget of $8,000 for 1940-41 is hereby confirmed. (See printed Minutes, page 7)

re Oak Grove
School
ncorporation

11. This Meeting approves the incorporation of Oak Grove School, in accordance with the recommendation of the Permanent Board, final action to be subject to the approval of the Yearly Meeting ✓

12. We have been refreshed and encouraged by the messages of

✓Rescinded later and Minute 30 substituted.

Christian love and fellowship from other American Yearly Meetings summarized for us concisely and effectively by the Correspondence Committee.

Summaries
[illegible]
epistles

13. At this time the Meeting gave close attention to an epistle from Friends in France, assembled in their fifteenth annual session, 1939, and united in deep fellowship with their intense agony of spirit in their dark hours and their faith in the ultimate victory of the Spirit and in the ideal of peace among all men.

Epistle from France read

14 The epistle from London Yearly Meeting cheered us also with its remarkable spirit of faith and assurance in the things that are eternal and the sense of the sustaining power of God at so grave a time of suffering and anxiety. "We pray that, as you meet, the same power, love, and guidance of the Father of Light may be richly felt among you," is the expression of the clerk of London Yearly Meeting in a letter accompanying the message.

London Epistle read

15. The representatives are instructed to confer at the close of the Bible Half-hour and to report to the afternoon session names of Friends to serve the Meeting as clerks.

Representatives to nominate clerks

Adjourned to meet at 3.45 this afternoon.
Afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

16. For the representatives Charles H. White proposed as clerks to serve the Meeting the following Friends:

Clerks chosen

Presiding Clerk, Lindley M. Binford
Recording Clerk, Lyra T. Wolkins
Reading Clerks: John C. Gatchell, Helen T. Gifford.

The nominations being approved the appointments are made for one year.

17 The representatives also reported certain substitutions and additions on the delegations, made in accordance with instructions.

18 A greeting from the Junior Yearly Meeting was brought in at this time by two of their young members, Fred Wheeler and Peter Coney.

Greetings from Junior Yearly Meeting

R. M. and Elizabeth B. Jones to visit Juniors

17 Rufus M. Jones and Elizabeth B. Jones are asked to convey to the Juniors our Friendly good wishes and a message of spiritual uplift.

Letter read for George Hawkes

20 A letter of introduction has been read on behalf of our Friend, George Hawkes, prepared by the clerk of New York Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting.

Epistles read

21 An epistle read at this time from New England Yearly Meeting Westerly, Rhode Island, reminds us that "We know that our own principles of life have not been tested as have those of Friends abroad and that we can have but little idea of the experiences through which they are passing, but we crave the fellowship of all those consecrated to bringing the Kingdom of God to men .... We desire to live on a high plane of hope and trust that leaves no room for dread and hate, and still leaves us resolute to venture into untried paths."

Letter from Rachel Mostrom read

Rachel Mostrom, one of our loved members at work in Nanking, China, sent a courageous assurance of faithful attention to duty and of undimmed hope, asking our prayers for her in these trying days.

Epistle from Sweden read

The Society of Friends in Sweden in Yearly Meeting assembled, Ninth Month, 1939, greet their fellow-Quakers in other lands with the assurance that "The active presence of God in the midst of the darkness of the time has become real to us in a challenging way.... We feel a special gratitude in view of the common service that seems to lie before the Scandinavian Societies of Friends."

Epistle from Denmark read

From the sixty-fourth Danish Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Copenhagen last autumn came another touching message of faith and loyalty to principle. "We must as Friends and as Christians hold firmly to our ancient testimony that all war and violence for whatever cause deny the teaching of Jesus and reject His great commandment of love to all mankind. Therefore ... it is our duty to work untiringly with the creative powers of the Spirit. We feel our weakness in the gathering storm, but we have been reminded that in seeking the Will of God we have as our aid the incalculable strength of God."

22 The Committee on the Disbursement of the Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund reports certain subscriptions to The American

Committee on H. H. Mosher Fund Income

Friend made possible through aid from Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund. The reports are accepted with appreciation of this service rendered in spite of very small resources. (See printed Minutes pp. 10-11)

Missionary Committee reports

23. In the spirit of George Fox, who tells us he was "sent forth into the world by the Lord God and His Son Jesus Christ to preach His everlasting gospel and Kingdom", the Meeting next entered into consideration of missionary activities. Reports from the chairman of the Missionary Committee and from the superintendent of the department of interest and publicity, a letter from A. Edward and Marion E. Kelsey, and a cabled message from Alice Whittier Jones in the words of Psalm lxvii, brought us into closer touch with our representatives in Ram Allah, Palestine. Frances E. Wheeler spoke appreciatively and in interesting detail of the annual meeting of the Mission Board which she and Arthur Jones attended in Fifth Month as our newly-appointed representatives. Arthur Jones followed with items of personal observation, dwelling especially on the difficult problems facing the Mission Board in connection with the work in Kenya Colony, British East Africa. (reports are on pp. 11-15, printed Minutes)

Reports of Womans Missionary Society

24. From the Woman's Missionary Society we have received reports of their accomplishments during the year past. (pp. 15-17)

Assoc. Executive Com. on Indian Affairs

25 Excerpts from the annual report of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs have been brought to the attention of this Meeting. It has been suggested that our representatives on this committee should be encouraged to send a delegation to attend the next annual meeting which is planned to be held in Oklahoma in Fifth Month next.

Resignation of Harry Harrison accepted as member Bd. of Managers, &c

26 The resignation of Harry Harrison from the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds has been received and is accepted with regret. The Nominating Committee is asked to suggest a name to fill the vacancy ✓

Quaker literature exhibited by Robert Leach

27 Robert J. Leach explained his concern for wider distribution of Quaker literature. He has arranged a table in Jordan Hall where representative books and pamphlets may be seen.

✓ Harry Harrison later reconsidered his resignation and was appointed to serve for one year.

Decision on Oak Grove reconsidered

28. Arthur Jones asked a reconsideration of the decision on the Oak Grove School incorporation, it appearing to be necessary to act very soon before another session of the Yearly Meeting would be held. A proposed form of charter was read in our hearing. General discussion followed.

29 Minute 11 is hereby rescinded and the following minute substituted.

ncorporation ak Grove School pproved

30 This Meeting approves the incorporation of Oak Grove School in accordance with the recommendation of the Permanent Board.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Fifthday morning, Sixth Month 27th. Met according to adjournment.

31 After a period of silent worship, Oscar G. Mostrom drew our attention to I John 1.7 and Hebrews viii.5, pointing a relationship between the directions given for building the temple, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount", and the verse, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." When conditions are right, the glory of God will come in and once more the church may be flooded with His glory.

Epistles [illegible]

32 Listening to the epistle from the newly-organized Yearly Meeting in Cuba, we are impressed with a like desire "that the bonds of Christian love may now be stronger than ever in order to check the hatred and revenge which are working toward the destruction of humanity."

The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity greets Friends everywhere with pertinent comment on the world situation. "We have been stabbed into a clearer realization of the suffering caused not only by war but by the many unrighte wrongs in our own land and have realized anew that the too complacent attitude of many of us toward the causes of this suffering becomes in itself a cause."

Japan Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends writes that "no new world order and no new order in the Far East can be realized save through the mind of Christ. ... The first essential is a return to God, for only through His holiness, righteousness, and love can any new structure be completed."

Wilbur W. Kamp added words of appreciation of these messages from our sister Yearly Meetings.

33 Rufus M. Jones and Elizabeth B. Jones report a very satisfactory and hopeful sitting with the Junior Yearly Meeting this morning. They feel that a marvellous preparation for future service is being carried on. Nearly two hundred have already registered in the two groups of Young Friends and Juniors.

Return visit to Junior Yrly. Mtg.

34 Permission has been given to the Board of Young Friends Activities of North Carolina Yearly Meeting to reprint a "Catechism for Young Friends", prepared by our late beloved Friend, Ruth S. Murray, of New Bedford, and first printed in 1888 by direction of our Representative Meeting.

Permission to reprint "Catechism"

35. The American Section of the Friends World Committee for Consultation has sent in a request for a small contribution to their work, and this has been referred to the Finance Committee.

Donation for World Committee for Consultation

36 Plans for the approaching sessions of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America have been presented at this time.

In re sessions Five Years Meeting

37 We direct the Nominating Committee to bring in the names of eight Friends to represent this Yearly Meeting at the Five Years Meeting to be held Tenth Month 16 to 22, 1940, in Richmond, Indiana. They are also to name Friends to serve as alternates.

Nominating Com. to name 8 delegates with alternates.

38 James A. Coney has spoken of a conference of Yearly Meeting superintendents, peace leaders, secretaries, and others, to be held the first week in Seventh Month at Earlham College, to consider the position and program of the Society of Friends in the present crisis. He desires to take a party of concerned Friends and asks that the Yearly Meeting contribute to the expenses of such a group. Friends have approved and Eva Pratt Owen has offered to receive individual contributions. It is also agreed that a supplementary collection be taken for this purpose at the peace meeting tomorrow evening.

Attend Earlham peace conference

State of Society
Statistical Report

39. The Meeting now entered on consideration of State of Society, the topic assigned for today's sessions. Selected items of interest from the statistics have been given by the presiding clerk. A total loss in membership of 134 is balanced by a total gain of 134, but because of an error in last year's statistical report there appears to be a loss of three, the membership for the year ending Twelfth Month 31, 1939, standing at 3,335. Eighty three names have been added by request, twenty-three associate members have been transferred to the active list. There have been sixteen births and fifty deaths.

Question added to educational statistics.

40 The recommendation of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting that the words "and professional schools" be inserted after the word "college" in Question 5 of the statistical blank, under Education, has been considered. The Meeting directs that this question be added: "Numbers in professional schools beyond high school grade".

Reports on Spiritual condition

41 The presiding clerk has read to us a summary of the reports on the spiritual condition of our meetings. From these we quote the following extracts: (See pp. 20-21, printed Minutes)

Report of Evangelistic + Church Extension Committee

42 James A. Coney, Superintendent of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, in cheering and provocative vein, brought his yearly account of the state of our meetings. There has been manifest a sincere feeling of appreciation for the faithful and productive service of our beloved superintendent.

Discussion of the subject was begun by George Hawkes, of New York Yearly Meeting, but on account of the lateness of the hour the discussion will be resumed at the afternoon session. (Report is on pp. 21-24, printed Minutes)

43 The Meeting directs the presiding clerk to send messages of love on our behalf to Sarah J. Swift, William T. Hussey, Lucy R. Hawkes, and Mary Emma Howland.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.
Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

44 On moments of recollection, the Meeting settled into a spirit

of communion, realizing the truth expressed by Thomas a Kempis; "Blessed are the ears that catch the pulses of the Divine whisper and give no heed to the whisperings of this world. Blessed indeed are those ears which listen not after the voice which is sounding without, but for the Truth teaching inwardly."

45 The Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland
Epistles read sends greeting from its session just held in Fifth Month in Dublin: "Now more than ever before we should be bound together in close fellowship and harmony. We would make a plea for greater understanding and toleration for each other's points of view, feeling sure that the solutions found by individuals to their problems will only have been reached after deep consideration and earnest searching for truth."

The Society of Friends in far-away New Zealand assembled a year ago issued a forward-looking and cheerful epistle, concluding their sessions on a note of thankfulness, reaffirming their faith in the triumph of Love. "In spite of all appearances to the contrary we know our God to be undefeated and undefeatable."

46 California, Nebraska, and Oregon Yearly Meetings, all in recent session, have sent us by air-mail their current epistles. We have listened to the Nebraska letter at this time and are grateful for its words of reminder that "Love never fails".

47 Returning to the consideration of State of Society, the
Report on Bible Schools & Christian Education Meeting gave interested attention to the annual report of the Committee on Bible Schools and Christian Education, given by the superintendent, Harold N. Tollefson. He further continued in explanation of the purpose and plans of the Five Years Meeting Board on Christian Education, describing arrangements and ideals for the next season's Bible School campaign. Literature and charts are posted in Jordan Hall, for reference. Friends form only 25 % of the membership in our Bible Schools, the total membership being around 2,000.
(report is on pp. 25-26 printed Minutes)

In the discussion hour that followed there were many questions and suggestions: Orona R. Cook spoke of religious education as a far wider and more inclusive field than merely the Bible School; it covers the entire educational work of the organized meeting. William M. Smith asked how to secure attendance of the children at the meeting for worship. Harold N. Tollefson replied that it was largely a family matter; if parents are interested the children will attend also. Helen T. Gifford confirmed this opinion as evidenced in the Providence Fellowship group. Lindley J. Cook suggested the value of what is known as "Junior church", followed by class study periods. Herman J. Lawrence asked which is more helpful, to hold the Bible School before or after meeting. Alice A. Macomber described their experience in Central Village, where the school is held preceding the church service; she feels that one thing that interests their children is the prospect of attending Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park! Louisa T. White reminded us of Augustus T. Murray with his wonderful memory of passages of Scripture as evidenced in the Bible Half hour last year, an ability which he attributed to his early training in memorizing the Bible. Edith Lee Rhodes had visited the Portland "Junior church" and had been greatly impressed by the spirit and work of the children. Florence Mae Smith suggested using birthday offerings as a means of arousing interest in missionary giving. George H. Paul described a week-night given over to a children's church in the Congregational church where he is serving; this trains them for sharing later in the worship service of the church itself.

48 Rufus M. Jones brought the thought of the meeting back to the consideration of church extension and "state of society", describing the change from earlier days to the present more wide-awake type of meeting and ministry. The "Advice" regarding sleeping in meeting is not so much needed today. Oliver M. Frazer recalled us to the meaning of the true church — Christ's body. Is my name in the Lamb's Book of Life? Do I belong to the living church? James A. Coney spoke of his discovery in our meetings of the great need for training future leadership. Alexander C. Purdy told of Pendle Hill and the hope to carry its leadership message to what may be called our "lay membership", encouraging us to educate ourselves in our leisure moments, by reading and thinking and learning

in some chosen field, and to serve our meetings in a volunteer capacity wherever that is possible. Oscar G. Mostrom recalled the story of Leo Tolstoy and his discovery that the principles of the Sermon on the Mount were not easy of application in the world today. One day God's Kingdom will be established and Jesus shall reign according to God's good purpose. Archie E. Luther and Arthur Jones both confirmed the value of Alexander C. Purdy's suggestion that development of the membership is needed if our meetings are to function truly. Elizabeth J. Trout emphasized the point brought out by Louisa White that it is of the greatest importance to memorize Scripture when young. She also stressed Oliver Frazer's remarks that our members become true members of the "body of Christ." Rebecca Wild feels that we have several young Friends who have a real Christian experience who could be helpful in visitation in our meetings.

A minute of London Yearly Meeting of some years ago has a pertinent bearing as we close this discussion of the "state of society". "Leadership can be had at a price. We must first recognize our need for God to transform us into that for which He has made us. If we touch Christ and through Him find the Father we shall not remain the same. From such an experience we should each be qualified to go out, not with an apology, but with a confident message, 'I have found.'"

Members named To Board of Christian Education

49 The Five Years Meeting delegates (1935) have met and nominated two representatives to serve on the Board of Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting, in accordance with a request received from that Board. This Meeting approves the nominations and appoints to that service Joseph T. Lippincott, chairman of our Young Friends Board, and Harold N. Tollefson, superintendent of Bible Schools and Christian Education.

50 Nominations presented at this time by the Nominating Committee have been approved and confirmed. (See Directory in printed Minutes)

Adjourned to tomorrow morning at 9.30.

Sixthday morning, Sixth Month 28th, 1940. Met according to appointment.

51 Through the words of Psalm xlvi, our thoughts have been directed by Laura A. Ellison to dependence on God for help and strength and courage: "Therefore will not we fear.... The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Epistles read

52 The epistle from California Yearly Meeting in session last week in Whittier encourages us in the belief that "the bonds of Christian fellowship transcend national boundaries and racial divisions and that we are all one in Christ Jesus."

From our distant Friends in Australia we have a splendid epistle, reminding us "of the need for individual faithfulness, both in our personal and corporate concerns.... Today the need of the world challenges us to uncover the hidden springs of our strength; yet unless we, ourselves, know something of the power, wisdom, and love of God, how can we make our service worthwhile? Before we attempt to be publishers of truth, we must be willing to study the revelation of truth.... 'Life is but a little holding, lent to do a mighty service.'"

Pemba Yearly Meeting sends greeting and tells of encouraging advance in their Christian work among Moslem peoples. "Let us all persevere that our worship may be real and our work not in vain in the Lord."

Visiting Friends

53 Mary R. G. Williams of Haverford, Pennsylvania, and our own member, Wilbur K. Thomas, of Philadelphia, are welcome visitors at this time.

Report of
ommittee on
Public Morals

54 For the Committee on Public Morals, Oliver M. Frazer, chairman, presented the annual account of their work, following the report with pertinent remarks. Others who spoke to this important subject were George Hawkes, Amy S. Hayden, and Ellen A. Winslow.
(see pages 29-30, printed Minutes)

mendment to
Query 5 suggested

55 That the word "alcoholic" be substituted for the word "intoxicating" in Query 5 has been suggested. The Yearly Meeting agrees with the proposal and directs that the suggestion be sent forward to the committee of the Five Years Meeting which has in hand the revision of the Discipline.

56 After discussion it is the judgment of the Meeting that a folder

containing the printed Queries be more widely distributed and if possible be included with copies of the printed Minutes.

Report of Committee on Education

57 From the Committee on Education we have received the subjoined report. The Meeting appreciates the devoted attention of George L. Crosman to the important duties connected with the loan fund for students. (See page 31, printed Minutes)

Report of Moses Brown School and Lincoln School

58. Continuing the topic of education, the Meeting received with interested attention the reports from our Rhode Island Schools. L. Ralston Thomas, headmaster, read the one hundred twenty first annual report of Moses Brown School.

Alexander C. Purdy, chairman of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School, outlined the present executive arrangement at Lincoln School, which is working admirably and to the satisfaction of teachers, parents, and students alike. Marion S. Cole is now head mistress, with the Upper School under her direct care, while Amy L. Philips is in charge of the Lower School and the Junior High School. Alexander C. Purdy then introduced Marion S. Cole, who read the Lincoln School report.

A detailed reading of the financial statements of the two schools was omitted by desire of the Meeting, and only the auditors' endorsements were presented.

(Reports are on pages 32-38, printed Minutes)

Oak Grove School reports

59 Oak Grove School reports were presented and read by Robert E. Owen on behalf of himself and Eva Pratt Owen, principals. The financial accounts were not read in detail, only the endorsement of the auditing company being given.

(See pages 38-41, printed Minutes)

60 The appreciation of the Yearly Meeting has been expressed to all those who are in the position of executives and teachers in our three schools. "The building of a social and international world rooted in God and seeking to become step by step His realm opens out to Friends great and unique possibilities." In this purpose our educational work has an important share.

61 Discussion followed, shared in by David L. Davidson, Rufus M. Jones, and Eva Pratt Owen.

Deceased Friends

62 Our hearts have been saddened by the loss of many of our active Yearly Meeting members and workers during the year past. Among these with long record of fruitful service are: Henry F. Newell, an elder, in his ninety-eighth year, and Henry T. Simpson, an elder, both of South Durham; Charles E. Peaslee, of Gonic, a minister, in his eighty-fourth year; Sarah D. Brown, of Amesbury, an elder, at the age of ninety-three; Augustus Taber Murray, of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, in his seventy-fourth year, an esteemed minister, whose presence with us in our last Yearly Meeting sessions and whose spirit-filled messages in the Bible Half-hour were so stimulating and inspiring; Luther E. Dearborn, a minister, of Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting; Rufus H. Randall, an elder, and Charles Small, former clerk and correspondent, both of Bolton Monthly Meeting; Annie C. Sherman, of Newport Meeting, a minister, and for some years a missionary teacher in the Jamaica Friends Mission; Arthur M. Hussey, of North Berwick, an elder, ardent friend and helper in the Ram Allah mission, member of many Yearly Meeting committees, including the Permanent Board; Frederick C. Dearborn, long active in Oak Street meeting, Portland, for thirty-five years treasurer of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, and for thirty years a member of the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting, member of committees and of the Permanent Board; Edward Wing, aged eighty-eight, and George Wing, aged ninety-two, both elders and valued members of Fairfield Monthly and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings; Harry R. Sherman, of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, for twenty-two years clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting; Emma A. Gove, of Lynn, an elder; James H. Earle, member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, last surviving member of the Class of 1875 of Moses Brown School; Ruthven A. MacDonald, an overseer, gifted young member of East Parsonsfield meeting.

We also remember with appreciative affection former members whose deaths have occurred recently: David M. Edwards, a minister associated with us for a period of years and held in the highest esteem as friend and co-worker; Eloise A. Hafford, long a minister in New Bedford meeting, a valued worker in the field of public morals, in her seventy-ninth year;

Deceased Friends Anne E. Maxfield, formerly of Amesbury, in recent years an elder in Germantown meeting, Pennsylvania, in the prime of a life of fruitful service, teacher, and cherished friend; Marianna S. Crosman, active for long years in Lynn meeting, in Germantown, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighty-six.

63 A greeting has just come to the Meeting from New York Yearly Meeting now in session in Keuka Park, New York. We direct the presiding clerk to send in return our warm acknowledgment and Friendly good wishes.

New York Yearly meeting sends greeting

64 At this time there have come into the Meeting our friends and former members, Charles M. and Caroline R. Woodman, and also Amy J. Marvel, of Richmond, Indiana, all members of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We welcome them to the freedom of our sessions.

Visiting Friends

65 Nominations to many committees have been read, as sent in by the Nominating Committee. These have been approved and the persons named appointed to the several positions indicated. (See Committee Directory, printed Minutes)

Nominations confirmed

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Seventh day morning, Sixth Month 29th. Met at the hour appointed.

66 A period of silent worship united our hearts in the love of Christ as with Rebecca Wild we prayed that we may be endowed with the graces of a pure and holy life and so share in the redemptive work of Christ in the world. Words of testimony and praise drew us into closer fellowship and we petitioned our Father in Heaven that He would help us "in patience to carry forward the eternal cross of Christ".

67 Assembled with us this morning are the members of the Junior Yearly Meeting. As their message to this Meeting they sang:

Junior Yearly Meeting in attendance

"Dare to be brave, dare to be true,
Strive for the right, for the Lord is with you"...

We are truly impressed with the opportunity for training for Christ and the Church which gives such a challenge to our faithful Junior leaders, Harold N. Tollefson and Helen N. Cates, and their associates.

Oregon Yearly Meeting epistle

68 Oregon Yearly Meeting in session the second week of this month greeted us with expression of trust in the sure promises of God. They tell us that three new monthly meetings have been set up and that "the hand of the Lord has been upon them for good."

Visiting Friends

69 Credentials were read for Elined Kotschnig from Northampton Monthly Meeting and the Connecticut Valley Association, and she has been introduced at this time. The committee on returning minutes is asked to prepare a letter acknowledging her presence.

70. At his request Arthur Jones is released from his appointment on the Correspondence Committee, and the Nominating Committee is asked to bring in a substitute name.

Returning Minutes granted

71 Returning minutes have been prepared for Friends with credentials. These being acceptable are directed signed on our behalf.

Board of Care and Relief reports

72 For the Board of Care and Relief, Alfred Osborne, chairman, has read the thirty-fifth annual report. The Board especially appreciates the financial aid available from the Sarah N. P. Dixon Trust. James and Rebecca Wild are giving splendid religious and Friendly service as residents in the Home while ministering in Amesbury meeting. A financial account has been presented by the treasurer, Ernest C. Ainsworth. These reports are accepted and appear herewith. Willis H. White and Alvano C. Goddard have added items of information and have rendered tribute to the place and contribution of the Home in our Yearly Meeting field. (Reports are on pp. 45-46, printed Minutes)

73. The Committee on the Sarah N. P. Dixon Trust presented through its chairman, Winslow H. Osborne, an account of the condition

Report of S.H.P. Dixon Trust — of the trust fund, with details of the work being accomplished at Huntington Home through this aid. {report on pages 46-47, printed Minutes}

74 The Gospel Service Committee sends in the accompanying account of its attention to the devotional meetings, the Bible Half hour, and the First day worship services. (report, p.47, printed Minutes)

Gospel Service Committee report

75 Robert J. Leach acknowledged his gratitude to the Meeting for opportunity to display samples of Quaker literature.

76 Recommendations of the Finance Committee have been presented at this time. We adopt these recommendations item by item and instruct the several Quarterly Meetings to carry out each and every direction contained therein.

Recommendations of Finance Committee

Recommendations of the Finance Committee

1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $2,000 be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses during the year 1940-41, payable half on 11 Mo.1 and the remainder on 5 Mo. 1, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $2,000 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings.

2. That the treasurer be authorized to make payments within the following appropriations:

Five Years Meeting Assessment for the year ending 3 Mo. 31, 1941		$ 225
Printing and distribution Yearly Meeting Minutes:		
For printing	500	
For sewing the binding	15	
For corrections	40	
For mailing and express	20	575
Entertainment of visiting ministers and other workers at sessions of Yearly Meeting		100
Expense of holding sessions of Yearly Meeting in Ocean Park, 1940		100
Sundry items of expense incident to sessions of Yearly Meeting		200
For use of Committee on Care of Vault and Records ... Moses Brown School		50
Minor expenses during the year		50
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee deficit		500
Travelling expenses of delegates to Five Years Meeting		300
Friends World Committee, American Section		25
		$2,125

3. That the following apportionment of the $2,000 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted for the year 1940-41;

Percentages ✓

Rhode Island	18	Smithfield	11
Salem	20	Vassalboro	7
Sandwich	16	Dover	5
Falmouth	15	Fairfield	8

✓ Percentages apply to $2,000 stated in ¶1 of these recommendations. They were revised in 1930; again, in the case of Smithfield & Fairfield, in 1936; and in Vassalboro and Fairfield, in 1940.

4. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting - apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the clerks of Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

5. That our local meetings give most serious consideration to the requirements of the United Budget and that determined effort should be made not only to raise the entire amount authorized by the Permanent Board in 2 Mo. last but that remittances be made as nearly as possible in equal monthly instalments. Under Minute No. 30, 1927, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to send each month to the Five Years Meeting one twelfth of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the United Budget requirement, and all local meetings are urged to co-operate in this respect.

6. That the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to borrow in the name of the Yearly Meeting such sums as may be needed to make possible equal monthly remittances of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the Five Years Meeting through United Budget requirements for the year 1940-41 and to borrow such further sums as may be needed to meet the requirements of the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic & Church Extension Committee

7. That the Finance Committee be authorized to provide for the auditing of the treasurer's accounts and that the treasurers of all committees handling funds for the Yearly Meeting be required to have their accounts audited by such persons as may be approved by the chairman of the Finance Committee.

8. That the presiding clerk of the Yearly Meeting, and the chairman of the Finance Committee, acting together, be given authority to approve the payment of charges for the entertainment of visiting ministers and others from a distance who attend the sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

9. That George G. Wolkins be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee,
Edward L. Macomber, Chairman

77 George G. Wolkins is appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

78 The report of the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was presented at this time and appears herewith in detail. A digest of the items contained in the report was given by George G. Wolkins, treasurer. Endorsement of the auditors, Joseph L. Wilkes and John A. Cornell, is properly attached attesting thorough examination of all books, accounts, and vouchers.

The treasurer's report with its complete account of receipts and disbursements of Yearly Meeting current funds and United Budget moneys was approved and accepted.

Rufus M. Jones, Ellen A. Winslow, Philip C. Gifford, John C. Gatchell, and others spoke to the report. Appreciation of the capable services of the treasurer was voiced.

Report of the Treasurer ✓

Treasurer's Report

6 Mo. 24, 1939, to 6 Mo. 25, 1940

Receipts

Receipts

Cash, demand deposit, 2d Natl. Bank, Boston	$1,136 71	
Cash, savings dept., do. (Emergency Fund Ministers & Workers)	111 70	
Cash, savings dept., Newton Trust Company	127 84	$ 1,376 25
Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
The Quarterly Meetings	$ 1,703 20	
Sales of "Discipline"	10 50	
Young Friends Housing Fund	29 00	1,742 70
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1939-40)		
Local meetings in the Quarterly Meetings	$ 2,647 89	
Individual subscriptions	1,882 50	
Woman's Missionary Society of the Yearly Meeting	600 00	5,130 39
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1938-39):		
Subscriptions to the deficit		300 83
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1940-41):		
Local Meetings	$ 457 85	
Individual subscriptions	435 00	892 85
Sundries:		
Gifts & transfer Y.M. Comtees debit	112 56	
George W. Varney legacy	500 00	612 56
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:		
Offering, income from E.M. Jones fund & United Budget 1938-39 and 1939-40	3,547 49	
From Yearly Meeting Quota	500 00	4,047 49
Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools:		
United Budget and offering		54 25
Yearly Meeting Committee on Public Morals:		
United Budget		65 50
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee:		
Emily M. Jones Fund income		14 50
Committee on Sarah N. P. Dixon Trust:		
from Provident Trust Company, income and interest		1,508 19
Rent of Pittsfield, N. H., residence		90 75
Carried forward		$ 15,836 26

✓ Summarized. Full report is on pages 50-57, printed Minutes.

Receipts (cont.)	Brought forward			$15,836 26
	Interest on Newton Trust Company deposit			1 25
				83
	Interest from Second National Bank			40 00
	Interest on negative balances Yearly Mtg. Current Funds			18 19
	Do United Budget 1939-40			
				$15,896 53

Payments

Payments	Expenses holding sessions of Yearly Meeting, 1939		$ 56 35	
	Expenses of Friends visiting with Minute		42 35	
	Bible Half-hour		50 00	
	Lindley M. Binford, presiding clerk		50 00	
	Lyra T. Watkins, recording clerk		25 00	
	Premium on surety bond for treasurer ($5,000)		12 50	
	Printed Yearly Meeting Minutes (1939) 1,547 copies (104 pp.)		472 70	
	Additional: sewing, alterations, postage &c		27 76	
	Reply postals re Minutes		3 60	
	Circulars, postage &c Committee Arrangements		25 59	
	Five Years Meeting assessment		203 76	
	Interdenominational Commission of Maine, dues		2 00	
	Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee, toward deficit		500 00	
	Postage for treasurer		8 31	
	Yearly Meeting epistles (50) & Junior epistles (35)		7 25	
	Programmes (500) for sessions Yearly Meeting (1939)		17 43	
	Interest debited		40 00	
	Housing gifts paid Board of Young Friends Activities		29 00	
	Expense items presiding clerk		18 06	
	Audit expense		16 05	
	Statistical blanks (1,450)		20 00	
	Legal expense, George W. Varney will		10 00	
	Expense items, Committee of Arrangements		6 28	
				$ 1,643 99
	Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1938-39):			
	To Committees:			
	Evangelistic	$ 565 94		
	Young Friends	15 30		
	Public Morals	15 30		
	Bible Schools	11 47		
	Peace	3 82		
				611 83
	Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1939-40):			
	To Five Years Meeting		$2,288 37	
	To Yearly Meeting Committees:			
	Evangelistic	$1,857 58		
	Young Friends	50 20		
	Public Morals	50 20		
	Bible Schools	37 66		
	Peace	12 55		
			2,008 19	
	To Evangelistic Committee to reduce deficit		1,000 00	
	Designated gifts		55 00	
				5,351 56
	United Budget expense items not yet debited to specific accounts			
	Interest $18.17 Pledge cards &c. $14.68			32 87
	Sundry remittances:			
	M. E. Kelsey & A. W. Jones in Palestine	$35 00		
	Palestine Orphans	6 90		
				41 90
	Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:			
	In aid of Meetings		$ 1,680 00	
	General superintendent, salary &c		1,945 93	
	automobile, expense items		551 89	
	Wayside Pulpit mottoes		15 00	
	Income Emily M. Jones fund (for E. Parsonsfield)		23 31	
	Discharge 1938-39 debit		70 00	
				4,286 13
	Carried forward			11,968 28

Payments (cont.)

Brought forward	$ 11,164 [illegible]
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee	14 50
Do Bible Schools and Christian Education (subscriptions, travel, folders &c.)	81 17
Do Public Morals (literature, contributions &c)	71 60
Committee on S.N.P. Dixon Trust to Board of Care & Relief, for Huntington Home	2,038 48
Investments in U. S. Savings Bonds	187 50
Emily M. Jones Fund Income to Y.M., Missionary Committee	14 50
Interest Credits: Committee S.N.P. Dixon Trust	8 19
	$ 14,384 22
On hand to balance: Cash, demand deposit, 2d Natl. Bank, Boston	1,512 31*
	$ 15,896 53

* This amount represents the following balances:

Reserve S.N.P. Dixon Trust	$195 93	
Committee S.N.P. Dixon Trust	125 37	
Do Public Morals	66 06	
Do Bible Schools	45 97	
Emergency Fund Ministers & Workers	112 53	
United Budget (1940-41)	892 85	
Emily M. Jones legacy for Evangelistic Work	525 00	
George W. Varney legacy Do.	525 00	
Five Years Meeting	711 63	
Pittsfield N.H. residence rent fund	90 75	
		$ 3,291 09
Less adverse balances as follows:		
Yearly Meeting Current Funds	299 99	
Do Evangelistic Committee	1,206 38	
United Budget expense items	84 91	
Investments	187 50	
		1,778 78
		1,512 31

Submitted,
George G. Wolkins, Treasurer

Examined and found correct,
with proper vouchers
Joseph L. Hiller
John A. Cornell, Auditors

79 From the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting came a report of examination of the condition of all Yearly Meeting property together with books of account, records of transactions, balance sheets, vouchers, etc. The subjoined statement has been approved and accepted with an expression of appreciation of the care given this important service. (report is on pages 58-60, printed Minutes)

Report of Board of Auditors of Yearly Meeting Property

80 Discussion followed in which questions were asked and information given. Thomas A. Tripp, a member of the Board of Managers, presented charts illustrating details of investments. Harry Harrison✓ explained his reasons for resigning from the Board of Managers, to which Philip C. Gifford added his opinion that the Board should employ investment counsel for advice only, and another firm for the execution of orders.

✓ Later reappointed to Board, after consent was obtained.

Delegates to Five Years Meeting named

81 Names of Friends have been sent in by the Nominating Committee to serve as representatives of this Yearly Meeting to the Five Years Meeting, which is to be held in Tenth Month in Richmond, Indiana. We approve the nominations and appoint to that service these Friends:

Lindley M. Binford	Gertrude W. Osborne
Rufus M. Jones	Lyra T. Wolkins
James A. Coney	Alice A. Macomber
Charles H. White	Joseph T. Lippincott

Alternates

1. Pauline B. Burdett	3. Helen T. Gifford
2. Lindley J. Cook	4. George A. Selleck

Other nominations approved

82 Additional nominations presented at this time to Yearly Meeting committees have been approved.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.
Afternoon, Met according to adjournment.

83 After moments of silent communion, an affecting message in song was brought by Countess Ebba Trampe, of Denmark, now a member of the faculty of Oak Grove School, and acceptably present with us today. She gave a brilliant rendering of the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria".

84 Mid-India Yearly Meeting sends an epistle of high faith and hope, which has been read to us at this time. "In these days when men and women are turning away from God and religion, when material values are dominant, we are encouraged to hear of the power of God drawing unto Himself large numbers of people in different parts of India'.... We desire to join with those who have gone before, as also with those who face today trial and tribulation in other lands, in our common faith that all war is wrong."

oard of oung Friends Activities report

85 From the Board of Young Friends Activities we have received an informing account of their year's accomplishments and plans and of their splendid program at this year's sessions. Joseph T. Lippincott, chairman, has read the report, emphasizing

the most constructive and encouraging phases of the work together with their prospects for the coming year. The report of Harold N. Tollefson, junior superintendent, is also included. A prayer of Habakkuk seems being remarkably fulfilled today: "O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known." (for report, see pages 61-64, printed Minutes)

86 R. Eleanor Wildman of Philadelphia has been welcomed to the Meeting at this time.

87 The New England Young Friends Committee has presented an account of its work. (pp. 64-65, printed Minutes)

88 John C. Gatchell asked that the Calendar Committee have young Friends in mind when the Yearly Meeting program is being constructed, and also that committees prepare their reports with a view to the needs and understanding of the younger groups. Others shared in discussion, and the young Friends were asked to study and decide what are their special interests and needs.

89 Our Peace Committee had an earnest and able representative

Peace Committee report

in David L. Davidson who prepared and read the report which follows. (see pp. 66-67, printed Minutes)

90 An account of the work of the American Friends Service Committee for the year 1939-40 has been received. Not formally read, it was interpreted by Rufus M. Jones, who selected certain outstanding points for comment and emphasis.

Amer. Friends Service Com tee report presented

91 Thomas R. Kelly, chairman of the American Friends Fellowship Council, spoke briefly of the work accomplished and planned through the Council and the Wider Quaker Fellowship.

in re Fellowship Council

92. The plans and purposes of the Friends World Committee for Consultation and of its American Section were emphasized by James A. Coney following the reading of a letter from the chairman of the American Section, J. Hoge Ricks.

World Committee for Consultation

-General Epistle adopted. -as sent in by Correspondence Committee

93 The Correspondence Committee has presented a draft of an epistle to be sent as the message of this Meeting to Friends everywhere. We truly appreciate and approve the document and instruct the clerks to sign it on our behalf and dispatch it in due course to all organizations of Friends with whom we regularly correspond as well as to other Quaker groups whom we desire to greet in Christian love.

A letter to Ram Allah Monthly Meeting of Friends and a letter to Rachel Mostrom have also been sent in, which are likewise satisfactory and will be sent as indicated.

Junior Epistle presented

94 The Junior Yearly Meeting has prepared an epistle to Junior Friends everywhere, which will be sent out with our epistle.

Name of superintendent to be general superintendent of Yearly Meeting

95 From the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee we have this recommendation:

—— The Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee held Sixth Month 28, 1940, approved the following minutes:

1. That the official title of the superintendent be "The Yearly Meeting General Superintendent."

2. We recommend heartily the reappointment of James A. Coney as general superintendent. ——

This Meeting approves the suggested title and reappoints James A. Coney to the position of Yearly Meeting general superintendent.

Further nominations confirmed

96 Certain further nominations have been sent in by the Nominating Committee and are confirmed. We designate as the representative of this Meeting on the Friends Fellowship Council, George A. Selleck, one of our recently-named representatives to the American Friends Service Committee.

97 For the information of the Yearly Meeting, the following Friends have served as its Nominating Committee, being named to this service by the several Quarterly Meetings from among their representatives to this Meeting:

	For One Year	For Two Years
Rhode Island	Archie E. Luther	Charles H. White
Salem	Grace P. Atkins	Pauline B. Burdett
Sandwich	Alvano C. Goddard*	Frances A. Howland*
Falmouth	Lettie M. Bailey	Mary Paige Ware
Smithfield	Lucia A. Wheeler	Susan L. Dow
Vassalboro	Eva Pratt Owen	Elda R. Henderson
Dover	Myron J. Jenness	Elsie F. Coney
Fairfield	Emeline M. Hawkes	Sophia E. Hawkes

*Substitutes named by Representatives.

Organizations of the several committees and boards have been sent in at this time.

98 The Board of Managers of Oak Grove School has presented through Harry Harrison, chairman, the following communication:

Oak Grove School requests authorization

—— The Board of Managers of Oak Grove School in session today have listened to the plans of the committee appointed by the Permanent Board and approved by the Yearly Meeting to carry out the proposed plans for the legal incorporation of Oak Grove. The Board of Managers feel under a deepened sense of responsibility to the ideals and principles of Friends and wish to proceed with due care in all details. Inasmuch as the urgency of building operations now under way makes it necessary to complete the details of incorporation at an early date, the Board of Managers asks the Yearly Meeting to authorize the presiding clerk, Lindley M. Binford, and the treasurer, George G. Wolkins, to sign on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England any and all documents for the proper and complete transfer of titles and ownership to the new corporation of Oak Grove as soon as the legal incorporation is complete.

For the Board of Managers of Oak Grove School,
Harry Harrison, Chairman

99 The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England hereby authorizes the presiding clerk, Lindley M. Binford, and the treasurer, George G. Wolkins, to sign on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England any and all documents for the proper and complete transfer of titles and ownership to the new corporation of Oak Grove School as soon as the legal incorporation is complete.

Authorization to presiding clerk & treasurer re Oak Grove

100 The Yearly Meeting has approved a proposal that the closing session next year be held on First day morning, thus omitting the customary afternoon meeting for worship at 2.30, and that the concluding minute be read at the close of the morning meeting for worship.

Yearly Meeting in 1941 to close Firstday a.m.

101 The time and place of holding the 1941 sessions of the Yearly Meeting having been carefully considered, we fix the place as Ocean Park, Maine, and the time from the 25th to the 29th of

Time & place for 1941 session

Sixth Month, inclusive, with the Meeting for Ministry and Oversight on Third day, the 24th.

Thanks to Ocean
Park Association

102 We again record our sincere gratitude to the Ocean Park Association for hospitality extended to us as a group and as individuals.

New Eng. Rural
Church Workers
greeted.

103 It has been suggested and approved that a copy of our General Epistle be sent as a token of friendly fellowship to the New England Rural Church Workers who have been in session on the grounds at the same time this week.

Thanks to
Clyde A. Milner
for Bible
Half-hour

104 The Meeting desires to express to our friend, Clyde A. Milner, President of Guilford College, North Carolina, its heartfelt appreciation of his presence with us and his helpful service in the Bible Half-hour.

Thanks to
homas R. Kelly
for address
&c.

105 We are also grateful for the presence and help during the entire week, especially as a leader in the young Friends group, of Thomas R. Kelly, a professor in Haverford College. His address on Fifth day evening was an impressive application of the story of the early life and the call of Saint Francis to "Rebuild My church" to the need in the Society of Friends to help expand and rebuild not only a reborn Society but Christendom itself, of which Friends are but a microscopic part.

Work of
Committee on
rrangements
ppreciated

106 The fine work of the Committee on Arrangements for the Yearly Meeting has been deeply appreciated.

107 We instruct our clerks to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

108 We direct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,550 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting.

109 Three copies of the printed Minutes of 1939 have been certified by the clerks and placed on deposit in the vault of Moses Brown School.

Adjourned to tomorrow afternoon.

First day, Sixth Month 30th. Met according to appointment.

A service of worship was entered into with earnestness and sincerity, as the largest number ever to assemble at the afternoon

First day meeting in Ocean Park came together at the hour appointed. Arthur Jones was in charge of the meeting. Songs of prayer and praise expressed our dependence and hope in God: "He leadeth me" and "How firm a foundation." A period of prayer and devotion followed. The Meeting was then addressed by Arthur O. Rinden who only this week arrived in New England after fourteen years of missionary service in China under the American Board of Missions {Congregational}. His wife, Gertrude Jenness Rinden, and their three children returned three years ago when foreign women and children were ordered to leave that part of China as a measure of safety.

Address by Arthur O. Rinden

Declining to dwell on the present tragedy and sorrow of China, Arthur Rinden told of the progress of the Gospel in that land and of the loyalty and faith of the Chinese Christians .... "I beg you to pray for the building of the Kingdom in China. Prayer and interest are more essential than money. The Christian mission in China still presents a strategic opportunity for us to liquidate our indebtedness to Him who gave His all for us".

The concluding minute was then read by the presiding clerk.

110 Never in the history of the two hundred and eighty sessions of this Yearly Meeting has so large a proportion of the earth's surface been engulfed in the destructive and paralyzing influences of war and strife. Never have the shadows been heavier as millions upon millions have been plunged into the depths of suffering, privation, and despair.

Concluding Minute

In contrast, we have gathered in this beautiful place, in the midst of peaceful surroundings and an abundance of the material benefits of life. We have not been torn by fear but have been conscious of the overshadowing influence of the Divine Spirit which has brought us peace and quietness as we have worshipped and planned together. A high degree of spiritual fervor has been much in evidence as we have been guided by the leadership and messages of visiting Friends and others.

The zeal and devotion of our young people and juniors has been most heartening as they have studied the fundamentals of Christian experience and co-operated so helpfully in the concerns of vital interest to us all.

As we go from this mountain top of experience to the valleys of service in our home fields, may we have Divine guidance which will give us not only direction but calmness, patience, forbearance, and tenderness of spirit.

Having completed the purposes of our gathering, we conclude, proposing to meet in Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 25th 1941, at 9.30 a.m., if the Lord permit.

Lindley M. Binford Presiding Clerk
Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk

1941

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. At the two hundred eighty first annual session of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Ocean Park, Maine, for worship and the transaction of business, beginning at 9 30 a.m. on Fourth day, the twenty fifth of Sixth Month, 1941.

2 Under the evident covering of the Holy Spirit, the Meeting entered into a period of worship and prayer. Rufus M. Jones reminded us of the words of Thomas Loe, in a sermon in Cork, Ireland, "There is a faith that overcomes the world, and there is a faith that is overcome by the world." Which faith is ours? True overcoming faith is a justifiable expectation due to a discovery of adequate resources. Edward A. Annett enlarged upon the comforting assurance that "We have . . . an anchor of the soul both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil."

3 The several Quarterly Meetings have named as their representatives to this Meeting the following persons:

Rhode Island Charles H. White, Elizabeth J. Trout, Josephine N. Carr,
Charlotte DeWare, Archie E. Luther, Helen T. Gifford,
L. Ralston Thomas, Willis H. White, Philip C. Gifford. ✓ For alternates see below
Salem Chester C. Smith, Lydia T. Bacon, Laura A. Pearson, Grace P.
Atkins, Arthur Sintmier, Edith J. Hunt, Gertrude H. Lawrence,
Elizabeth L. Peaslee, Helena Proudlove, Gertrude W. Osborne, Blanche R. Howland.
Alternates: Ethel M. Jones, James Wild, Mary W. Jones,* Maud M. Hill.
Sandwich Thomas A. Tripp, Jennie W. Gifford, Edward L. Macomber,
Bertha A. Mostrom, Alvano C. Goddard, Joseph L. Hiller, Annie E.
Rose, John A. Cornell, Florence E. Carr, Florence L. Hiller. ✓
Falmouth Herbert W. Pettengill, Jr., Alberta W. Millward, Helen F. Cushman,
Mary P. Ware, Harvey Jones, Florence B. Anthoine, Lucy C. Graham,
M. Melvin Bailey, Harriet E. Cartland, Fannie C. Timberlake,
Hattie O. Cox, Lindley J. Cook, John C. Gatchell.
Alternates: Laura E. Jones, Edna B. Hutchinson,
George R. Hutchinson, Lelia S. Marstaller.

Rhode Island Alternates: Philip C. Gifford, Margaret G. Sisson, David L. Davidson, Harold W. Myers.

* Not a member of Salem; belongs in Vassalboro.

✓ Named by representatives in accordance with Minutes 5, 16, 21.

Smithfield Melita B. Fisher, Eunice Estes, Susan L. Dow, Lucia A. Wheeler, Claire Ames, Agnes W. Harrison, Caroline G. Towle, Harry Harrison, Arthur N. Hawkes, Gladys J. Tollefson,[2] Barbara Brooks.[2]

Vassalboro Rufus M. Jones, Robert E. Owen, Eva Pratt Owen, Mary W. Jones, George F. Cates, Joseph T. Lippincott, Edith R. Whitten, Elizabeth C. Burleigh, Elizabeth J. Towle,[2] Miriam E. Jones.[2]

Dover Anna R. Hussey, Myron J. Jenness, Elsie F. Coney, Oscar E. Nutter, James A. Coney, Bertha E. Richardson, Lowell E. Roberts.

Fairfield Sophia E. Hawkes, Arthur Jones, Alice A. Clough, Emeline M. Hawkes, Mary E. Jones.

Seventy representatives were appointed and of this number there are sixty-four in attendance. The six vacancies have been filled by the representatives in accordance with power given by this Meeting. Twelve alternates were named. Excuses were presented for three delegates who could not attend.

4 Quarterly Meeting appointments to the Nominating and Finance Committees have been read and are duly confirmed. The names of superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, Missions, and Bible Schools have been reported.

5 An error appearing in one appointment is referred for correction to the representative body. Power is also given to the representatives to fill vacancies occurring in delegations, if desirable.

6 From certain Quarterly Meetings have come items of information. (see page 5, printed Minutes)

7 On behalf of the Ocean Park Association, the new superintendent, Adelbert M. Jakeman, extended a warm welcome to this Meeting, now assembling for the tenth consecutive time in Ocean Park

8 Present with a minute from Dorking, Horsham, and Guildford Monthly Meeting, London Yearly Meeting, are our dear Friends, Edward A. Annett, and Edith M. Annett, his wife, for twenty-eight years travelling secretaries in India for the India Sunday School

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[2] Named by representatives in accordance with Minutes 5, 16, 21

Union, and now engaged in Friendly visitation in this and other lands. We welcome them in the love of the Gospel to freedom of service in our midst.

With a letter of introduction from New York Monthly Meeting (General Conference) are present at these sessions Malcolm R. and Juanita Lovell, with their younger son Buffum. Malcolm Lovell has been devoting much time to promoting the causes of public morals and prohibition. The Meeting rejoices in the company and service of these Friends.

There has also been welcomed at this time Anita Brook, a teacher in Friendsville Academy, who is present with a letter of introduction from Friendsville Monthly Meeting, Tennessee.

Present also and greeted cordially are: Philip E. Jacob, representing the Civilian Public Service staff of the American Friends Service Committee; Rachel R. Cadbury, of Moorestown Monthly Meeting, New Jersey, whose special concern is for the Young Friends and Junior study classes; David Platt of Moylan, Pennsylvania, a student at West Town School.

9 To prepare returning minutes for visiting Friends we name Frances E. Wheeler, Moses Bailey, and Mary P. Ware.

10 In our hearing the clerk of the Permanent Board, Alfred Osborne, has read the subjoined digest of the actions of that body during the year 1940-41. This Meeting approves and ratifies the several decisions of the Board, including the adoption of the Budget for 1941-42

(See printed Minutes, pages 6-7)

11 We have been deeply stirred by the brave words of a letter from the Meeting for Sufferings of London Yearly Meeting, signed by its clerk, Arthur J. Eddington.

12 From the youngest member of the fellowship of Yearly Meetings, Jamaica Yearly Meeting, set up in Fourth Month of this year by direction of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, we have received a message of gratitude for the presence and service of James A. Coney. Other letters of kindly appreciation of the Gospel labors of our general superintendent were read from the Northern Quarterly Meeting

of Friends, Highgate; Eastern Quarterly Meeting of Friends, Seaside; and Highgate local meeting, all of Jamaica.

Epistle summary read

13 A summary of epistles from the Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting, prepared under direction of the Correspondence Committee, has been read to the Meeting. A similar thread of sympathy with and sorrow for the stricken world runs through all these Friendly messages, while Canada expresses the conviction that "God still rules the world and eventually right must overcome wrong. The laws of God are still operating. The winds of God are still blowing, but it is for man to set his sail that he may use their power".

Epistles read

14 Five Yearly Meetings of General Conference affiliation have sent epistles from which extracts have been read by the presiding clerk: Philadelphia, Fifteenth and Race Streets; Indiana Yearly Meeting, Pendleton, Indiana; Illinois Yearly Meeting, McNabb, Illinois; New York Yearly Meeting, 221 East Fifteenth Street, New York; Baltimore Yearly Meeting Park Avenue. Similarly, passages have been quoted from epistles from the Conservative Yearly Meetings: North Carolina, Woodland, N.C.; Canada, Norwich, Ontario; Western, Sugar Grove, Plainfield, Indiana; while the entire letter from New England Yearly Meeting, Westerly, Rhode Island, has been presented.

15 Alvano C. Goddard, Rufus M. Jones, and Joseph T. Lippincott gave expression to deepening interest in the new and independent meetings under the sponsorship of the Fellowship Council. Oscar G. Mostrom and Archie E. Luther added words of caution that we have a care to keep the purity and unity of the church of Christ, maintaining as far as possible the established order and upholding the historic organization of the Society of Friends.

16 The representatives are directed to confer at the close of the Bible Half Hour. They are to report to the afternoon session the names of Friends to serve the Meeting as clerks, also to attend to other duties that may claim their attention.

Adjourned to meet at 3.45 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

Retirement of Lindley M. Binford from Clerkship

17 On behalf of the representatives, Charles H. White explained
1 the reasons for a change in the presiding clerkship, expressing the deep regret of the representative body that Lindley M. Binford felt he could no longer continue to serve the Meeting, and speaking in glowing terms of the sincere appreciation, respect, and love which we feel for our Friend. Rufus M. Jones emphasized the deeply spiritual atmosphere that has pervaded the Yearly Meeting sessions during Lindley M. Binford's tenure of office.

18 This Meeting desires to record its genuine obligation to Lindley M. Binford for the many years of devoted service and assiduous attention to the duties connected with the important office of presiding clerk. For seventeen years, sixteen of them consecutive, from 1926 to 1941, he has given unstintedly of time and talents to carrying on the Yearly Meeting work. We are favored in having his continuing counsel as he leaves the desk and takes his seat in the body of the Meeting.

On the suggestion of Oscar G. Mostrom, the Meeting stood and united in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

Appointment of Clerks

Arthur Jones becomes presiding clerk

19 For the representatives, Charles H. White then proposed these Friends to serve the Meeting as clerks:

Presiding Clerk, Arthur Jones
Recording Clerk, Lyra T. Wilkins
Reading Clerks: John C. Gatchell, Helen T. Gifford

The nominations are approved and the Friends named are appointed to the respective positions indicated.

20 Lindley M. Binford in fitting phrase then introduced Arthur Jones to the Meeting. We are grateful to the incoming presiding clerk for his willingness to accept the responsibilities and privileges of the clerkship. We bespeak for him the loyalty and co-operation of each and every member.

21 The names of representatives not present at the morning session were again called. Certain substitutions have been reported.1/

1/ See Minute 3.

H.H. Mosher
Fund Income
report on

22 From the chairman and the treasurer of the Committee on the Disbursement of the Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund we have received and approved these reports:
(see pp. 10-11 in printed Minutes)

23 The missionary activities of the Yearly Meeting were next taken up, beginning with the annual report of the Missionary Committee and of its superintendent of interest and publicity. These are accepted. (reports are on pp 11-12, printed Minutes)

24 The report of the American Friends Board of Missions for the year ending in Fourth Month was read in its entirety and was followed by a letter from Merle L. Davis explaining the situation in Palestine. The Board had cabled on Sixth Month 14 to the Ram Allah Mission: "Board recommends individual discretion evacuation missionaries and American teachers to America. Board guarantees travel funds. Later equitable adjustment with teachers. Recommend Mildred White consider one year East Africa. Consult Consul. Cable reply".
A reply cable was received under date of Sixth Month 18: "All well. Missionaries remaining. Teachers undecided. Greetings New England".

25 Charles M. Woodman appeared as a personal messenger on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Mission Board, explaining with fact and figures on a blackboard the necessity for an increase in gifts to this vital work and appealing for valiant effort to meet the need and opportunity. A letter from the secretary of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting has also been read. (See p. 13, printed Minutes)

Rufus M. Jones urged a personal campaign to arouse interest. A budget needs vitalizing and personalizing if funds are to come in in greater amounts. Lindley M. Binford emphasized the need of a concerned individual to bring to local meetings the opportunity and responsibility of generous giving.

Recommends
to 5 Years
Meeting To
name a
financial secretary

26 This Meeting has agreed upon the following recommendation and directs that it be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting:

We recommend that a financial secretary be appointed to have the care of raising the necessary amount for completing United Budget requirements.

27 The Woman's Missionary Society presented reports of the year's work. (see printed Minutes, pp. 13 to 15)

Woman's Missionary Society reports

28 James A. Coney thrilled the Yearly Meeting assemblage with an account of his visit in the island of Jamaica, in connection with the establishment of the Jamaica Yearly Meeting, telling us that if we could see with our own eyes what has been and is being accomplished we should give more gladly and generously to the cause of missions.

29 The Meeting has been privileged to hear from the Executive Director of Civilian Public Service Camps for conscientious objectors, Thomas Elsa Jones. In clear and picturesque phrase he described the opening of camps for the objector youth, explaining reasons, methods, purposes, and financial need, and illustrating with specific instances how to develop racial co-operation, how to get on with people, to discover latent possibilities in natural resources, in human nature, and the human heart in every walk of life.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Fifth day morning, Sixth Month 26th. Met according to adjournment.

After a devotional period in which Rebecca Wild led the Meeting in vocal petition for strength for duties before us, a Statement from the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity was read by the presiding clerk. "Let us act, day by day, in the light and wisdom which our Father has already placed in our hearts. To this high endeavor we set ourselves, earnestly desiring the company of our friends and brothers in Christ, in the faith that with God all things are possible".

30 We have listened to a summary of the annual report of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, which was prepared by Lindley J. Cook, one of our representatives on the committee.

31 Proceeding to consideration of state of society, the presiding clerk has read chosen items of information

from the statistical report. A total membership of 3,288 is reported, a net loss of forty-seven. Six associate members have become active; there have been fifteen births and forty-one deaths.
(Statistics are in the printed Minutes)

Junior Yearly Meeting Message

32 A message of greeting from the Junior Yearly Meeting was brought in by two of their members, Fred Wheeler and Walter Wood.
(See page 32, printed Minutes)

Return visit to Juniors

33 Y.M. Meeting appoints Rachel Mostrom and Oliver M. Frazer to convey to the Juniors our greetings and good wishes.

34 Next, the Meeting gave attention to a digest of the reports on spiritual condition sent in by our subordinate Meetings, prepared by Lindley M. Binford. General discussion, stressing primarily the need of true and living worship with Bible reading in the home, was shared in by Rufus M. Jones, James A. Coney, Rachel Mostrom, Lyra T. Wolkins, Elizabeth J. Trout, and others. "Great peace have they which love Thy law."

Report of James A. Coney, Yearly Mtg. general superintendent

35 James A. Coney, general superintendent, in his customary cheerful and inspiring manner, reported on his own activities and concerns and on the work performed under direction of the Evangelistic Committee. The account is acceptable to the Meeting. Discussion ensued, with participation by Ellen A. Winslow, Lindley J. Cook, Joseph L. Hiller, Rufus M. Jones, Eva Pratt Owen, and many others. Appreciation and commendation of the fine service rendered by James A. Coney has been generously expressed.
(report is on pp. 17-19, printed Minutes)

Letters to absent and aged members to be sent

36 The Meeting directs that letters of friendly remembrance be sent to certain members who are absent because of age or illness: Sarah J. Swift, Elam and Elda R. Henderson, L. Ralston Thomas, Corona R. Cook, Mahlon Goddard, Lucy A. Hawkes, Mary Pennington Barson, Catherine M. Frazer. It has been suggested by Anna R. Hussey that an air-mail message be sent to A. Edward and Marion E. Kelsey and Alice Whittier Jones in Ram Allah, and by John C. Gatchell that the Meeting also remember Albert L. Scott, Jr., now in prison because of conscientious refusal to register. Letters are directed prepared for each of the Friends named, and the following committee is appointed to care for the preparation and

forwarding of the messages: Gertrude W. Osborne, Harvey Jones, Eva Pratt Owen.

37 Epistles from the General Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Australia, held in First Month, 1941, and from the Society of Friends in Sweden, held in Tenth Month, 1940, have been read to us as a closing message for the morning session.

38 Rufus M. Jones has been released on his own request from serving as the Yearly Meeting representative on the World Consultative Committee, and the Nominating Committee is asked to nominate some one for the position.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.
Afternoon. Convened according to adjournment.

39 The presiding clerk referred to the Meeting the question of the advisability of holding an afternoon meeting on First day, in view of the decision last year to read the concluding minute at the close of the First day morning meeting for worship. It is left with the Gospel Service Committee to arrange for such a meeting, if it seem to them wise. ✓

40 According to the schedule for the afternoon, the Committee on Bible Schools and Christian Education continued the consideration of state of society, with Harold N. Tollefson, superintendent, reporting on the year's accomplishments. The report is accepted and appears herewith:

(see printed Minutes, pp. 20-21)

41 Edward A. Annett came before the Meeting with an earnest plea that we recognize that we teach children not just a set lesson or an outline or syllabus. He stressed the need of improved lesson material, trained teachers, better worship. Children will not be lost to our meetings if Christian attitudes are created. Worship must be planned for differing age groups. Worship is intense activity. We must start our training early ere the "Shades of the prison-house begin to close upon the growing boy".

✓ This meeting was held at 2 p.m. with a Russian refugee Christian pastor, Basil Malof, as speaker.

The church or meeting that is successful is the one that cares truly and worthily for its youth.

42 Discussion was general and varied. James A. Coney rejoiced in the fact that Gertrude Lawrence and Edith Ware are undertaking the preparation of new material for training children in Christian experience and in preparation for membership with Friends. Charles M. Woodman elaborated a thought from Harold Tollefson's report that our goal is to give a sense of the reality of God and to build Christian character. We must implement our religion in order to make it active. If we can teach people to voice what they yearn for, we shall have helpful public prayer. James Wild wished to express appreciation of Elsie F. Coney's share in making possible the field work of James A. Coney. Harold N. Tollefson mentioned the need for two teams of young people to promote Daily Vacation Bible Schools; such people need training and might be sent to a summer leadership training school like the one in Durham, New Hampshire. Alfred Osborne brought up again the importance of family worship and stressed the need of keeping ahead of children in thinking and experience, if we would lead and impress them. Alice Howland Macomber encouraged the reading and memorizing of Scripture in the home, while Rebecca Wild suggested that we can usually make time for that which interests us. Edna M. Libby asked that young Friends be given really worth while tasks in the church. George R. Hutchinson spoke of the fear of young people lest they trespass on sacred precincts in the church, and of the need to use the ardent enthusiasm of youth. Lelia S. Marstaller appreciated now the discipline of older Friends in her early years, feeling that after long years of waiting she was trained and fitted for places of richer experience. Norman E. Trafton suggested that young people will be trusted if their ambition is to promote the Kingdom of God; they can find places of service in abundance if their genuine desire is to advance the Kingdom.

43 An epistle with an added peace testimony from the Society of Friends in New Zealand, written in Fifth Month, 1940, courageously says: "In facing the danger and difficulties of our times may we all be given strength to journey on, undismayed, with a song in our hearts."

Friends of the Norwegian Yearly Meeting in a letter to Friends everywhere tell us: "In these days we have felt the truth of the words, as thy days are thy strength shall be, and what may happen, God's promises to us will never fail. May these trying times create in all of us a greater fellowship with one another and especially with the suffering and oppressed, so that we may make these words of the prophet ours: He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand."

44 Robert James, director of religious work in the University of New Hampshire, spoke of work with young people of college age in the Student Christian Movement and in the work camp in North Weare. His request that the Yearly Meeting name some representative to membership on the advisory board of "Christian Work, Inc". is is referred to the Evangelistic Committee for appointment.

45 Nominations for the Committee on Bible Schools and Christian Education have been presented by the Nominating Committee and are approved by the Meeting.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Sixth day morning, Sixth Month 27th. Convened according to appointment.

46 The Meeting settled into a period of worship and was led by Laura U. Ellison in an interpretation of the Scripture words: My presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest." "In Thy presence is fulness of joy."

Oscar G. Mostrom reminded us that there is danger when a great God-inspired movement becomes an "ism." God has a message for each day and generation. The Society of Friends needs a genuine spiritual revival today, if it is to minister to the world's need.

47 Sarah B. Leeds of Mount Holly, New Jersey, a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and Katherine C. Ricks, of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, librarian at Guilford College, were introduced and welcomed.

48 Malcolm R. Lovell spoke of his concern at the sentencing of our young Friend, Albert L. Scott, Jr., to a year and a day in

Federal penitentiary because of conscientious refusal to register (and hoped that Albert Scott might still be persuaded to register or to yield to an attempt to secure a furlough whereby he might be placed in a civilian service camp. Rufus M. Jones further explained the situation, others also taking part in the discussion. It is evident that Albert Scott is firm in his conviction that he has chosen the right course and is prepared to accept the consequences.

Committee on Public Morals - report of

49 For the Committee on Public Morals, Oliver M. Frazer, chairman, read the annual report. The subject will be continued this evening, in a public meeting with Joseph Beach, a minister from Worcester, Massachusetts, as the speaker

(report is on pp. 24-25, printed Minutes,

Treasurer of Committee on Education reports

50 The financial report of the Committee on Education has been read. The Meeting acknowledges its debt to our Friend, George L. Crosman, for his continuing attention to the student loan fund. Robert E. Owen expressed the gratitude felt by the members of the committee for the careful work of its treasurer.

(see p. 26, printed Minutes)

Report of Committee on Moses Brown & Lincoln Schools

51 The reports of activities, plans, and prospects of the schools under care of the Yearly Meeting were next considered. Because of the illness of L. Ralston Thomas, head master, the Moses Brown School account was read by Charles H. White, while Marion S. Cole, head mistress, presented the report of Lincoln School. Financial statements also were read, and all the reports were accepted with appreciation. (See printed Minutes, pp. 26-33)

Oak Grove School reports

52 Robert E. Owen came before the Meeting with the account of the year's progress and accomplishments at Oak Grove School, reading also a tribute to William T. Hussey. A financial statement accompanies the report, which is appreciated and accepted by the Meeting. (See printed Minutes, pp. 33-36)

53 In the general discussion of the problems of Quaker education, Joseph T. Lippincott stressed the need of real Quaker education and of inducing more Friends to attend our schools. Oscar G. Mostrom reminded of the Christian founders of many of the colleges of this land. Today the need is for earnest godly teachers and Christian instruction in our American schools and colleges, and most especially in those under the management of the Society of Friends. We need to emulate the example of those who founded

our Yearly Meeting schools who set the keystone in the arch, Jesus Christ.

James A. Coney expressed appreciation of the faithful work of teachers and committee members. Mary Hill Binford asked to know the exact number of Friends in each of the three schools. Rufus M. Jones paid tribute to Quaker education in general and to that in New England in particular. Further remarks were made by Selah Richmond, Frederick M. Swan, and Ellen A. Winslow, who stressed the valuable part played by Quaker education not only in the past but today, not only in their own school training but in the training of pupils at the present time.

54 Robert E. Owen asked for the adoption of a resolution needed to complete the transactions connected with the incorporation of Oak Grove School and the transfer of funds. The Meeting approved taking whatever action may be necessary.

Resolution re Agency Agreement termination Oak Grove School

55 The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England unanimously agrees upon and adopts the following resolution:

Resolved: In accordance with the provisions of the sixth paragraph of the Agency Agreement between The Portland National Bank (now known as the First Portland National Bank) and The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England dated April 14, 1934, the Agency under said Agreement be and hereby is terminated, and that all securities and cash comprising the Agency Fund shall be paid and delivered to George G. Wolkins, Treasurer of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, and Lindley M. Binford, and that the said Wolkins and Binford be hereby authorized to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the members of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England a receipt and proper release and any other papers necessary in connection therewith.

Direction to L.M. Binford & G.G. Wolkins to turn over cash & securities

56 The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England hereby directs George G. Wolkins, Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, and Lindley M. Binford to turn over whatever securities and cash they may receive from the cancellation of the Agency Agreement with the First Portland National Bank to Oak Grove School Trustees or whatever institution they may designate.

57 Nominations for committees and boards which have reported up to this time have been received and the appointments are made.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Seventh day morning, Sixth Month 28th. Met at the hour appointed.

58 The members of the Junior Yearly Meeting entered the assembly room singing their Junior hymn, after which the Meeting settled into worshipful silence. Rufus M. Jones referred to the twenty third Psalm as the most beautiful and perfect poem in literature, and proceeded to a brief interpretation of its meaning and application. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." The Juniors sang again for us: "Wide, wide as the ocean . . . Is my Saviour's love."

59 For the Board of Care and Relief, Alfred Osborne, chairman, read the thirty-sixth annual report. Two esteemed members who have died during the past year are deeply missed, William T. Hussey and Louisa Prescott. The report of the treasurer has also been read. Both statements are approved.

(reports are on pp. 38-9, printed Minutes)

60 The annual account prepared by the Committee on the Sarah N. P. Dixon Trust has been read by Winslow H. Osborne, and is accepted by the Meeting.

(see pages 39-40, printed Minutes)

61 The treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, George G. Wolkins, presented the annual report, reading a digest therefrom. Endorsement of the auditors, Joseph L. Hiller and John A. Cornell, is duly attached, expressing satisfaction with the books, accounts, vouchers, and report, carefully and thoroughly examined by them. The Meeting has approved and accepted the report of the treasurer with its complete account of receipts and disbursements of Yearly Meeting current funds. Lindley M. Binford spoke for the Meeting in appreciation of the faithful & capable services of the treasurer, and others added their tribute

Treasurer's Report

Report of the Treasurer[1] — 6 Mo. 29, 1940, to 6 Mo. 24, 1941

Receipts

On hand, 6 Mo. 29, 1940: Cash, demand deposit with 2d Natl. Bank, Boston		$1,512 31 [2]
Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
The Quarterly Meetings	$1,833 74	
Sales of Discipline	12 50	
Refund, expenses delegates 5 Years Meeting	1 35	
		1,847 59
Carried forward		3,359 90

[2] See Minutes of 1940, p. 57, footnote

[1] Summarized. Detailed & complete report, pp. 41-47, printed Minutes

Brought forward		$3,359 90
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1940-41)		
Local meetings in the Quarterly Meetings	$3,075 53	
Individual subscriptions	2,075 00	
Woman's Missionary Society of the Yearly Meeting	600 00	5,750 53[2]
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1941-42)		
Local Meetings	340 02	
Individual subscriptions	425 00	765 02
Sundries:		
Allen's Neck, for Amer. Friends Service Committee	20 00	
Durham, for Civilian Public Service Section	35 00	
Smithfield Quarter – Young Friends Housing	25 00	80 00
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:		
Offering, 6 Mo. 27, 1940	43 88	
Income Emily M. Jones fund	29 44	
United Budget, 1940-41	2,435 88	
Do for deficit	1,000 00	
From Yearly Meeting quota	500 00	
Income, Varney Fund (2 yo.)	50 00	
Evangelistic Com^{tee} R.I. Q. Mtg. for Saylesville	25 00	
Gift	10 00	
Pittsfield Meeting	25 00	
Evangelistic Com^{tee} R.I. Quarter for deficit	10 00	
Trustees Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund towards automobile	100 00	
Transfer to Wayside Pulpit Fund	15 50	
Do – from Maple Grove meeting	10 00	4,254 70
Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools: United Budget (49.38) Offering (7.49)		56 87
Yearly Meeting Committee on Public Morals (United Budget)		65 83
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee:		
Income Emily M. Jones fund (2 yrs.)	50 00	
Dividend (Ticonic Natl. Bank, Waterville) in liquidation	59 36	109 36
Committee on S.N.P. Dixon Trust:		
Income Provident Trust Company	1,500 00	
Special, from Do	520 00	2,020 00
Rent, Pittsfield, N.H., residence	99 00	
Interest, H.O.L.C. Bond ($100 @ 1½%)	1 50	100 50
Interest on negative balances, Current funds		42 13
Do " " United Budget (1940-41)		7 87
		$16,612 71

Payments

Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
Expense holding sessions Yearly Meeting, 1940	55 00	
Expenses Friends visiting with minutes	85 00	
Bible Half hour	50 00	
Presiding clerk	50 00	
Recording clerk	25 00	
Premium surety bond (5,000) for treasurer	12 50	
Calendars (500) for sessions Yearly Meeting	17 50	
Circulars – Com^{tee} arrangements, 1940	29 00	
Yearly Mtg epistles (50), Junior " (35)	7 25	
Printed postals (re minutes)	4 50	
Bank service charges	1 11	
Printed Yearly Meeting Minutes {1,547 copies {108 pp.!	490 70	
– Sewing binding	13 00	
alterations (6.8 hrs.)	15 30	
Dues, Interdenom. Com. of Maine	2 00	
Expenses, delegates 5 Years Meeting	279 75	
Check forms	2 75	
Postage, envelopes	2 85	
Statistical blanks &c.	18 00	
5 Years Meeting assessment	200 28	
Com^{tee} Arrangements, expense, 1941	34 90	
Audit expense	11 80	
Interest debited	42 13	
Deficit, Evangelistic Committee	500 00	$1,950 32

[2] This sum plus $[illegible] reported received (Min. 1940, p. 52) less $10 from Maple Grove credited direct to Y. Mtg. Evangelistic Com., makes $6,669.38, amount raised for United Budget for 1940-41.

Payments, cont.)

Brought forward			$1,950 32
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1939-40) To 5 Years Meeting			711 63
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1940-41)			
To 5 Years Meeting		889 45	
To Yearly Meeting Committees:			
Evangelistic	$2,435 88		
Board Young Friends	65 83		
Public Morals	65 83		
Bible Schools	49 38		
Peace	16 46	2,633 38	
To Evangelistic Committee, to reduce deficit		1,000 00	3/ 4,522 83
United Budget expense not specifically debited:			
[illegible] st, receipt blanks, postage, envelopes			13 83
Sundry remittances:			
American Friends Service Committee	$20.00		
Young Friends Board, Housing fund	25 00		45 00
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:			
In aid of Meetings	~~$1,680 00~~	$1,680 00	
General superintendent, salary	$1,920 00		
sundry expenses	22 38	1,942 38	
Automobile:			
expense items	$202 38		
payment on new car	100 00		
plates, taxes, insurance &c	53 27	355 65	
Income Emily M. Jones fund for East Parsonsfield	$14 72		
Gift, Maple Grove Meeting	10 00		
"Wayside Pulpit" Fund:			
Arrears transferred &c $15 50			
To East Parsonsfield 7 50			
To Allen's Neck 7 50	30 50	55 22	$4,033 25
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee, Interest & Publicity			25 00
Do Bible Schools:			
subscriptions to journals	25 50		
superintendent, use	38 00		63 50
Yearly Meeting Committee on Public Morals:			
State W.C.T.U's – $60.00 literature &c. $20.00			80 00
Committee on S.N.P. Dixon Trust:			
To Board of Care & Relief for Huntington Home			2,020 00
Invested in H.O.L.C. bond @ 1½%			101 78
Interest accrued on Do			34
Emily M. Jones Fund income to Missionary Committee			50 00
George & Etta Varney Fund income to Evangelistic Committee			50 00
			$13,667 48
On hand to balance:			
Cash, demand deposit with Second National Bank, Boston			4/ 2,945 23
			$16,612 71

Submitted, George S. Wolkins, Treasurer

Examined and found correct,
with proper vouchers,
Joseph L. Hill
John A. Cornell, Auditors

3/ This sum plus $2,110.55 credited to Five Years Meeting agrees with total amount raised for United Budget for 1940-41

4/ Amount represents balances:

Reserve	195 93
5 Years Meeting	2,110 55
Committee on Public Morals	51 89
Missionary Committee	84 36
Bible Schools Committee	39 34
Emergency fund for ministers	112 53
Pittsfield, N.H., residence rent	190 91
S.N.P. Dixon Trust Committee	125 37
Emily M. Jones legacy foreign missions	500 00
Geo. W. Varney legacy evangelistic work	500 00
Yearly Meeting [illegible] quota	163 06
United Budget, '41 '42	765 02
Civilian Public Service fund	35 00
	$4,873 96
	−1,928 73
	$2,945 23

Less adverse balances:

Y. Mtg. Current funds	402 72
" Evangelistic Com^tee	944 43
Investments	289 28
"Wayside Pulpit" fund	90 50
Fairfield Quarter	163 06
United Budget expense items	98 74
	$1,928 73

62 A verbal statement by Joseph L. Hiller as to examination of the Property of the Yearly Meeting has been made, with the assurance that a formal report will be sent in later in the day.

63 The Meeting adopts the Recommendations of the Finance Committee, as submitted herewith, instructing the several Quarterly Meetings to carry out each and every direction contained therein:

Recommendations of the Finance Committee

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1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $2,000 be raised for Yearly Meeting Current expenses during the year 1941-42, payable half on 11 Mo. 1 and the remainder on 5 Mo. 1, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $2,000 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings.

2 That the treasurer be authorized to make payments within the following appropriations:

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Five Years Meeting assessment for the year ending 3 Mo. 31, 1942....	225
Printing and distribution Yearly Meeting Minutes printing $500 sewing binding $15 Corrections $40 Mailing $20	575
Entertainment of visiting ministers and other workers at sessions of Yearly Meeting	100
Expense of holding sessions of Yearly Meeting in Ocean Park, 1941	100
Sundry items of expense incident to sessions of Yearly Meeting	200
For use of Committee on Care of Vault and Records in Moses Brown School	50
Minor expenses during the year	50
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee deficit	500
Deficit in Yearly Meeting current funds	300
	$ 2,100

3. That the following apportionment of the $2,000 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted for the year 1941-42: ✓

Percentages

Rhode Island	18	Smithfield	11
Salem	20	Vassalboro	7
Sandwich	16	Dover	5
Falmouth	15	Fairfield	8

4. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the clerks of Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

5. That our local meetings give most serious consideration to the requirements of the United Budget and that determined effort

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✓ Percentages apply to the $2,000. Revised in 1930; again, in case of Smithfield & Fairfield, in 1936; and, in Vassalboro & Fairfield, in 1940.

should be made not only to raise the entire amount authorized by the Permanent Board in 2 Mo. last but that remittances be made as nearly as possible in equal monthly instalments. Under Minute No. 30, 1927, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to send each month to the Five Years Meeting one-twelfth of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the United Budget requirement, and all local meetings are urged to co-operate in this respect.

6. That the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to borrow in the name of the Yearly Meeting such sums as may be needed to make possible equal monthly remittances of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the Five Years Meeting through United Budget requirements for the year 1941-42 and to borrow such further sums as may be needed to meet the requirements of the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee.

7. That the Finance Committee be authorized to provide for the auditing of the treasurer's accounts and that the treasurers of all committees handling funds for the Yearly Meeting be required to have their accounts audited by such persons as may be approved by the chairman of the Finance Committee.

8. That the presiding clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the chairman of the Finance Committee, acting together, be given authority to approve the payment of charges for the entertainment of visiting ministers and others from a distance who attend the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

9. That the Yearly Meeting include in its records a minute expressing appreciation of the loyal and devoted services of Edward L. Macomber, for fourteen years the dependable chairman of the Finance Committee.

10. That George G. Wolkins be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee
Robert E. Owen, Chairman

64 The Meeting desires to record its appreciation of the loyal and faithful services of Edward L. Macomber as chairman of the Finance Committee for fourteen years.

George G. Wolkins appointed treasurer

65 George G. Wolkins is appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Gospel Service Committee

66 The Gospel Service Committee has sent in the accompanying account of its attention to the devotional meetings, the Bible Half-hour, and the First day worship services.

(report is on p. 49, printed Minutes)

Epistles presented & to be sent out

67 From the Correspondence Committee we have received the draft of an epistle to be sent to Friends everywhere as the message of this Meeting. The document meets with the approval of the Meeting and we direct that it be signed by the clerks on our behalf and sent as way may open to Yearly Meetings and organized bodies of Friends in this country and abroad. A letter also has been prepared for our Friends of Ram Allah Monthly Meeting; we approve this and ask that it be signed and sent on our behalf.

Oliver Frazer named on Permanent Board in place of Arthur Hawkes

68 Arthur W. Hawkes has submitted his resignation from the Permanent Board. The resignation is accepted with regret. The matter having been considered by the Nominating Committee the name of Oliver M. Frazer has been submitted and he is elected to serve on the Permanent Board for one year.

Nominations Confirmed

69 Certain further nominations to committees sent in by the Nominating Committee have been confirmed at this time.

70 We have given heed to four epistles at this session. One from Friends in Mid-India has been read, assuring of their belief that "God is not to be unseated by storms such as the one sweeping over large areas of the earth today; wherefore then should we, His devotees, be afraid?"

Pemba Yearly Meeting expresses a sense of its isolation and deeply appreciates letters of encouragement. "A great cause for hope is the increasing independence of our meetings, and the ability of many to share the responsibility of worship and church government.... Our strength is also continually being increased by newcomers from the African mainland, full of fresh energy and faith."

France Yearly Meeting in its Sixteenth session in Fifth Month, 1940, says that "... we must not let our weakness discourage us. This experience at Whitsun, realized in the midst of a torn world, under the mark of destruction and unleashed violence, has led us to realize more deeply than ever that nothing can separate us from the love of God manifested in Jesus Christ."

The Yearly Meeting in Ireland, held in Dublin, Fifth Month 1st to 5th, 1941, reminds us that "We must oppose every system which depends on the use of force and endeavor to cultivate fellowship and understanding with others with whom we disagree .... For ourselves and for all to whom this message may come, we desire a fresh sense of the presence and power of God. As foundations of sand are shifting in the storm, may we rest securely on the rock Christ Jesus. May we all draw from Him a confidence and peace which we can radiate."

71 Deceased Friends Again we desire to recall to memory those of our members who have passed from our earthly fellowship, who so long stood by us with cheer, help, sympathy, and willing service in local meetings and Yearly Meeting activities:

In the ninety-seventh year of his age, Thomas Y. Jackson, beloved minister, Bible School superintendent, lover of little children, patron saint of Saylesville meeting; William T. Hussey, cherished son of honored parents, long-time clerk of Dover Quarterly Meeting, member of many Yearly Meeting boards and committees, over three decades one of the Oak Grove School Board of Managers, co-worker in all good causes; Mary Emma Howland, at the age of ninety years, an elder, attender at Yearly Meeting sessions for fifty-one consecutive years; Etta Huntington Fowler, worthy inheritor of Quaker traditions of service; Clara S. Atkinson, Elizabeth T. Price, Louisa Prescott, Onslow W. Comstock, elders; Frank H. Smith and Eva A. Schwartz, overseers; S. Flora Hare, Charles H. Battey, Annie Willcock, Eliza Ann Willcock, Friends to whom Quaker meeting and fellowship were valued privileges.

For these departed, in whose love we were blessed and by whom we were often inspired to faithfulness in daily Christian living, we thank our Heavenly Father, and ask for courage for ourselves to continue in the Way of Truth.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Convened according to appointment.

72 A message of hope and fellowship came to the Meeting through the reading by the presiding clerk of the epistle from the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity. "We pray that we and Friends everywhere may, in flexibility of spirit, be willing to break through well-loved procedure and accepted patterns of thought whenever they blunt the cutting edge of God's message to the world."

Board of Auditors of Property of Yearly Meeting report

73 Examination by the Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting of the condition of all Yearly Meeting property together with books of account, records of transactions, balance sheets and vouchers has been completed, as appears in the report prepared and read by Joseph L. Hiller, chairman of the Board of Auditors the past year. The statement has been approved and accepted as it appears herewith.
(report is on pp. 52-53, printed Minutes)

Board of Young Friends Activities report

74 The Board of Young Friends Activities has submitted an encouraging account of the work carried on under its care. Joseph P. Lippincott read and elucidated the report. Words of commendation and encouragement were spoken by Rachel R. Cadbury, Rufus M. Jones and Lindley J. Cook. Suggestions regarding improvement in the effectiveness of the morning (8.30) meetings for worship were made by Eleanor W. Lippincott, Alvano C. Goddard, Lindley M. Binford, and others. Consideration is referred to the Gospel Service Committee, with the suggestion that members of the Young Friends Board bring to it the concern they feel. (reports on pp. 54-56, printed Minutes)

Peace Committee

75 From the Peace Committee we have received and accepted these reports which have been read in our hearing:
(see pp. 56-57, printed Minutes)

Amer. Friends Service Committee

76 Rufus M. Jones addressed the Meeting on the year's work of the American Friends Service Committee. He described the centres abroad with their difficulties and accomplishments; the visits of delegations to Germany; the various methods of aid including regular monthly remittances to England for War Victims Relief; occasional food ships allowed through the blockade; conscientious

objectors' privileges for constructive work in civilian service camps; work camps; a Mexican friendship project now in process of execution; peace caravans; international relations institutes; sewing and knitting projects.

Junior Yearly Meeting report

77 The Junior Yearly Meeting report and the epistle prepared by the Juniors have been read to the Meeting by Harold N. Tollefson, superintendent. Especial gratitude has been expressed for the service of Edith M. Annett, visiting Friend from London Yearly Meeting and India. Seventy Juniors have been enrolled, an increase of ten over the number reported last year.
(report on p. 58, epistle on p. 63, printed Minutes)

78 Certain further nominations sent in by the Nominating Committee have been approved at this time.

James A. Coney appointed General Superintendent

79 The Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee recommended the re-appointment of James A. Coney to the position of general superintendent. Friends heartily approving, James A. Coney is accordingly appointed to the position for one year.

80 Lindley M. Binford urged an especial effort to raise more money this coming year that the Evangelistic Committee deficit be cleared up. An encouraging beginning has been made and generous donations are needed.

Returning minutes for Visiting Friends

81 The committee on returning minutes reported drafts of returning letters for visiting Friends; with certain emendations these are approved and directed signed by the clerks and given to our Friends.

Friends World Committee on Consultation

82 James A. Coney reported briefly on the work of the Friends World Consultative Committee. The American Section has been asked to assume leadership during the present crisis.

Time & place set for 1942 Yearly Meeting

83 The time and place of holding next year's sessions of the Yearly Meeting have been considered. We unite in setting the time as the 24th to the 28th of Sixth Month, inclusive, 1942, with the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight preceding, on Third day, the 23d. The sessions will be held in Ocean Park, Maine.

Thanks to Ocean Park Association

84 We desire to express to the Ocean Park Association our gratitude for the kindly hospitality extended to us as individuals and as an organization.

Committee on Arrangements, Thanks to

85 The excellent work of the Committee on Arrangements for the Yearly Meeting has been truly appreciated

Extracts from Minutes authorized

86 We instruct our clerks to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

Directed printing of Minutes

87 We direct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,550 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, if this number seems required.

Certified Copies deposited in Vault.

88 We have information that three copies of the printed Minutes of 1940 have been certified by the clerks and placed on deposit in the vault of Moses Brown School.

89 Organizations of the various committees and boards have been sent in.

Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee

90 For the information of the Yearly Meeting at large, the following Friends have served as its Nominating Committee, being named to this service by the several Quarterly Meetings from among their representatives to this Meeting:

	For One Year	For Two Years
Rhode Island	Charles H. White	Archie E. Luther
Salem	Elizabeth L. Peaslee	Gertrude W. Osborne
Sandwich	Jennie W. Gifford	Alvano C. Goddard
Falmouth	Mary P. Ware	Lindley J. Cook
Smithfield	Susan L. Dow	Lucia A. Wheeler
Vassalboro	Edith P. Whitten	Eva Pratt Owen
Dover	Elsie V. Coney	Myron J. Jenness
Fairfield	Sophia E. Hawkes	Emeline M. Hawkes

Work of Clerks appreciated

91 The Meeting has generously expressed appreciation of the devotion and skill of the clerks.

Adjourned to 10.30 on First day morning.

First day morning, Sixth Month 29th, 1941

After the public meeting for worship, the closing minute was read by the presiding clerk.

72 Concluding Minute — As we have held the sessions of our Yearly Meeting, we have been surrounded by very favorable physical conditions. Smiling skies, stately pine trees, the sparkling ocean have contributed their beauty and their comfort. The facilities of Ocean Park have again served our convenience.

Such matters of business as have come before us have been attended to with a gratifying sense of unity and dependence on the wisdom which comes from above. Messages which have borne the imprint of the spirit of Jesus have caught our attention.

With renewed allegiance to our Lord Jesus and His way of life, we seek His guidance as we tread the uncertain path of the year before us.

Having completed the purposes of our gathering, we now conclude, proposing with Divine permission to meet in Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 24th, 1942.

Arthur Jones, Presiding Clerk
Lyra T. Wolkins, Recording Clerk

1942

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. At the two hundred eighty-second annual session of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Ocean Park, Maine, beginning at 9.30 a.m. on Fourth day, the 24th of Sixth Month, 1942.

2 Following a devotional pause, Rufus M. Jones reviewed concisely the early history of our Yearly Meeting, the oldest body in the world to hold continuous sessions. Pentecost was the result not so much of all being in one place as of all being in one accord. When unity in love is attained, then will come to The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England a Pentecostal baptism.

Laura A. Ellison continued in expression of praise and trust in the God of all grace.

3. Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings inform us that these persons have been named to represent them in this Meeting:

Rhode Island Lewis White, L. Ralston Thomas, Willis H. White, Dorothy Williamson, Josephine H. Carr, Helen T. Gifford, Elizabeth J.✓ Trout, Charlotte DeWare, Emily S. White✓, Mary H. W. Clagg.

Alternates

Philip C. Gifford, Harold W. Myers, Margaret G. Sisson, David L. Davidson.

Salem Elizabeth L. Peaslee, Grace P. Atkins, James Wild, A. Ella Clark, Arthur Santmier, Blanche R. Howland, Bessie M. Stott, Chester C. Smith, Lyra T. Wolkins, Mary E. Nichols, Gertrude W. Osborne, Gertrude H. Lawrence✓.

Alternates

Gertrude F. Smith, Ruth E. Osborne, Gertrude H. Lawrence, Maude M. Hill, Erlean Whitmore.

Sandwich Thomas A. Tripp, Joseph L. Hiller, Edward L. Macomber, John A. Cornell,✓ Lillian A. Sherman, Frances L. Howland,
✓Deceased 6 Mo. 12, 1942
Annie E. Rose, Alice B. Gifford, Everett W. Chapman, Florence L. Hiller✓, Marie Chapman✓.

Falmouth Lindley J. Cook, Harvey Jones, Lucy C. Graham, Thelma P. Smith, Fannie C. Timberlake, John C. Gatchell, Hattie A. Cox,

✓Named by representatives in accordance with Minutes 6 and 14.

Alberta W. Millward, Mary P. Ware, Laura E. Jones,
Persis J. Hall, George R. Hutchinson, Fredrika M. Parks.[3]
Fredrika M. Parks Alternates Harriet E. Cartland, Donald E. Davis.

Smithfield Arthur W. Hawkes, Harry Harrison, Lucia A. Wheeler,
Susan L. Dow, Margaret E. Wheeler, Melita B. Fisher, Mabel A. Thayer,
Robert H. Taylor, Agnes W. Harrison, Hattie L. Estes,[3] Caroline G. Towle.[3]

Vassalboro Robert E. Owen, Helen R. Cates, Guy R. Whitten, Margaret A. Cates,
Eva Pratt Owen, Mary W. Jones, Rufus M. Jones, Julia F. Brown.

Dover Myron I. Jenness, Lowell E. Roberts, Oscar E. Nutter,
Mildred S. Richardson, Walter H. Wood, Elsie F. Coney,
Elizabeth Gray, Eva N. Kimball.[3]

Fairfield Sophia E. Hawkes, Alice A. Clough, Arthur Jones,
Emeline M. Hawkes, Eleanor E. Bailey.

Sixty of the sixty-nine representatives appointed have responded to their names. Reasons for absence have been given in the case of some Friends. The sudden death on the 22nd of John A. Cornell, a representative from Sandwich Quarter, has brought deep sadness. According to directions,[3] certain vacancies have been filled by the representatives.

4 Quarterly Meeting appointments to the Nominating and Finance Committees have been received and are confirmed. The names of superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work, Missions, and Bible Schools have been duly reported.

5 Greetings from the Ocean Park Association were extended by the superintendent, Adelbert M. Jakeman, welcoming the Yearly Meeting for its eleventh session in Ocean Park.

6 The representatives are given power to fill vacancies in their delegations, if desirable and in accordance with discipline.

7 At this time visiting Friends have been introduced and welcomed:

Visiting Friends Leslie D. Shaffer, a minister, secretary of the Friends Fellowship Council, a member of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity; M. Helena Nase and Edith Lee Rhodes, members of Brooklyn Meeting and New York Monthly Meeting in New York Yearly Meeting; Elizabeth B. Jones and

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[3] Named by representatives in accordance with Minutes 6 and 14.

Mary R. G. Williams, members of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

From the American Young Friends Fellowship, with letters of introduction, we welcome: Edna R. Winder, clerk of the Fellowship, member of Falls Monthly Meeting, Fallsington, Pa.; T. Canby Jones, Wilmington Monthly Meeting, Delaware; Arthur Evans, Germantown Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania.

8 We have been gladdened by the reading of a letter of fellowship and friendly greeting just received from California Yearly Meeting in closing session on the 23rd, in Whittier, California. They assure us that their "faith is unchanged in God's abiding love... May you and we remain steadfast in faith."

Records of Permanent Board

9 The clerk of the Permanent Board, Alfred Osborn, has read to this Meeting the attached digest of the records of that body for the year 1941-42. This Meeting approves and ratifies the several decisions of the Permanent Board including the adoption of the Budget of $7,000 for the year 1942-43. (See printed Minutes, pages 5 & 6.)

Information from Quarterly Meetings

10 From the Quarterly Meetings have come certain items of information. (page 6, printed Minutes)

Epistles, summary of read

11 Encouragement and inspiration have come to us as we have listened to messages of Christian fellowship and counsel from the American Yearly Meetings, summarized for us admirably by the Correspondence Committee.

Cheering epistles have been read from Szechwan Yearly Meeting, China, and from the Society of Friends in Sweden. Rufus M. Jones, Mary Hoxie Jones, and James A. Corey added personal reminiscences and items of special information regarding situation and personnel in our Quaker field of influence in China. We join truly in the prayer of the Friends in Sweden that "We who are still spared the sufferings of war pray to be used as God's tools for that which comes."

12 The representatives are directed to meet at eleven o'clock,

Representatives to nominate clerks at the rise of this session, for conference and business. They are asked to report to this afternoon session the names of Friends to serve the Meeting as clerks.

Adjourned to 3.45 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

13 For the representatives, L. Ralston Thomas presented names of Friends to serve the Meeting as clerks:

Clerks appointed
Presiding Clerk, Arthur Jones
Recording Clerk, Lyra T. Wolkins
Reading Clerks: John C. Gatchell, Helen T. Gifford

The nominations are approved and the appointments made for one year.

14 The names of representatives not in attendance at this morning's session were again called. Certain substitutions for absent Friends have been reported by the representatives.

15 The report of the Committee on the Disbursement of the Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund has been read and accepted (page 7-8, Minutes)

H. H. Mosher Fund, Committee on Income of

16 Turning to consideration of the missionary activities and interests of this Meeting, we have first listened to the reports of the Missionary Committee, which have been accepted with appreciation. (See printed Minutes, pages 8-9)

Missionary Committee

17 The Meeting welcomed at this time Merle L. Davis, administrative secretary of the American Friends Board of Missions, who spoke interestingly of the past year's work and plans for the coming year, illustrating by incident and story the types of missionary effort being carried on. Is our home church a vital force in our life? Ignorance of the real purpose and actual accomplishments of the Christian church here and in other lands; loss of faith in the church;—these invite doubts of its value. Yet, in spite of disheartening conditions, we know that the church is the great agency for friendship, fellowship, love, and peace. Problems may face us. We must not be American church imperialists but continue to develop an indigenous church as rapidly as native leaders are ready.

Merle L. Davis Secr. Mission Board address to Meeting

From the May number of the Federal Council Bulletin we quote:

"The very fact that world-disruptive forces are now at work in unprecedented degree enables us to see the world-unifying significance of the Christian Church in a clearer perspective. This is the time of times for a strong affirmation of the world mission of the Church and a fresh rededication to it."

The Yearly Meeting is deeply grateful to Merle L. Davis for his fine interpretation of the mission of the church.

18 The annual report of the American Friends Board of Missions has been received but not read because of the verbal account given by Merle Davis.

19 An epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Cuba read at this point added further emphasis to the value of the mission work of Friends.

Junior Yearly Meeting greetings

20 The Junior Yearly Meeting sent in a message by the hand of two of its members, Irma Jones and Howard Sites. (See page 10)

21 We direct that returning greetings be taken to the Juniors by Everett W. Chapman and Ellen C. Winslow.

Report of Woman's Missionary Society

22 The Woman's Missionary Society has sent its annual report, revealing an increasing interest in our various workers on the field. (Reports are on pages 10 to 12, printed Minutes)

23 From the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs came a report, with encouraging items of progress in the work among American Indians. Lindley J. Cook spoke of the recently-organized supporting fellowship of "Indian Associates", with a membership fee of one dollar, calculated to add to the money available for Indian work.

24 A friendly letter from A. Edward and Marian D. Kelsey, written in Third Month for this Yearly Meeting, has been read at this session. We rejoice in the continued service of these dear friends as well as of Alice Whittier Jones in the Ram Allah School and Mission

The Meeting directs that thanks be sent to Josephine N. Gifford for making these periodic letters available to our meetings and members.

Nomination approved

25 The Nominating Committee has submitted names to serve for three years on the Missionary Committee. These appointments have been confirmed.

26 James A. Carey and Lindley J. Cook are named as an "emergency" committee to prepare a program for the session on Sixth day evening, since no speaker appears to have been provided.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Fifth day morning, Sixth Month 25th Convened at 9.30.

London General Epistle read

27 The general epistle of London Yearly Meeting, held last summer in York, England, with a covering letter from the clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings, has been read as a part of the devotional service. Its message is stimulating and courageous in outlook.

Message from Executive Committee of 5 Yrs. Mtg. re assessment & on the death of Walter C. Woodward

28 From the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting, Percy M. Thomas, acting secretary, we have a message advising us of an increase of one cent per member in the amount of the assessment on the constituent Yearly Meetings and of the need for additional funds for the United Budget. The letter expressed the deep sense of sadness and the loss they and all we of the Five Years Meeting feel in the sudden death on Fourth Month 14th of Walter C. Woodward, executive secretary, and editor of The American Friend.

29 Leslie D. Shaffer, executive secretary of the American Friends Fellowship Council, appeared in behalf of that organization, stressing the value of visitation and fellowship in furtherance of the Quaker message. He also spoke of the continuing work of the Friends World Consultative Committee in its world-wide relationships.

Lindley J. Cook, James A. Corey, and Lindley M. Binford spoke to the subject. The possibility of aiding in financing the work of the World Committee is referred to the Finance Committee.

30 The Meeting proceeded to the consideration of State of Society, the topic scheduled for the day. We have listened to the

Report on Spiritual Condition

reading of the reports on spiritual condition from each of our several Quarterly Meetings. These have opened vistas of growth in some places and of decline in others, of co-operative endeavor in peace activities and community social effort, of the value of generous giving to local and world causes, of a noticeable deepening in spiritual life in many circles, with a deplorable slackening in far too many meetings in the important custom of family devotions and personal study of the Bible.

Helpful comments followed, as time allowed. Mary P. Ware, Leslie D. Shaffer, and T. Canby Jones spoke of the value of deepening the devotional life of the home and of the individual through enlarging the scope of our devotional reading and of a more intelligent use of the Holy Scriptures. Merle L. Davis dwelt upon the difficulty of keeping up the more ancient and formal habit of family worship. This decline may not always be an indication of decrease in spiritual life and growth. Modern ways of living necessitate new ways of keeping alive the flame of the religious life of the individual and the home. Lindley J. Cook added similar observations, while Rufus M. Jones said that whatever form or method be used the home must be a nursery of spiritual life.

31 James A. Corey, general superintendent of the Yearly Meeting, came before the Meeting with his annual report summarizing the work of the past twelve months, pointing out opportunities for extending the field of service of our Yearly Meeting and suggesting possible advance steps. "A long perspective and a vast patience", to use words quoted by the superintendent, give encouragement to us to cultivate hope and courage in our seed-sowing. (Report is on pages 1[illegible]-1[illegible]0, printed Minutes)

Report of General superintendents

32 Brief discussion followed, as time allowed. Lindley M. Binford emphasized the point brought out in James A. Corey's report that there is evidence of increasing unity of purpose and warm sympathetic co-operation throughout so much of our Yearly Meeting field. Lelia S. Musiller added further confirmation, saying that through the spirit of Christ this can happen. Oscar E. Nutter wished to stress the vital need of financial support; as oil is needed in running an automobile, so the mechanics of finance are extremely important to the existence of a church.

Chester C. Smith spoke of the need of clearing the meeting rolls of non-participating members.

33 Everett W. Chapman and Ellen C. Winslow have returned from their mission to the Junior Yearly Meeting and report renewal of inspiration and courage from the future promise of trained young workers.

34 Mary Hill Binford gave certain needed information concerning the importance of consulting the bulletin board for all notices regarding meetings, and of co-operation with the Committee of Arrangements in all technical matters of arranging for special gatherings at Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to this afternoon at 3.30.
Afternoon. Convened according to adjournment.

35 Continuing in consideration of state of society, the Meeting has been attentively interested in the report of the superintendent of Bible Schools and Christian Education, Harold N. Tollefson, A question period brought out the fact that there is an increasing number of towns and cities which have introduced religious education in the schools. The need of a Bible School field worker to accompany James A. Coney as he travels among the meetings is increasingly evident and sooner or later this call must be met, if our Bible School interests are to be promoted. The report has been accepted with thanks for the fine service rendered.

Bible School Committee reports

(See pages 18-19, printed Minutes)

36 Merle L. Davis was presented as the speaker on Christian Education. Do our Bible Schools have real value? Is their influence apparent in improved moral attitudes or in changed lives? There is a trend today to return to the subject-centred or Bible-centred lessons rather than the child-centred or life-centred lessons now largely in use in the closely-graded system. Friends seem largely to use the group-graded lessons and our Friends lesson-helps are so planned. The speaker then illustrated various lesson helps published by Friends and urged their use so that improvement may be made. Increased patronage makes this possible.

We must seek in all ways to influence children to better Christian living.

Letter from Connecticut Valley Association

37 From the Connecticut Valley Association has been read a letter sent by their semi-annual meeting in Fifth Month. {See pages 19-20. The Meeting has expressed its interest in this proposal and refers the care of the matter to our standing committee under appointment for such purpose.[8]

Ellen A. Winslow outlined the history of the Connecticut Valley Friends since its inception as a group in 1928; she and a few Friends living in Springfield started meetings that year and the work has been in continuous existence ever since.

The names of the committee under appointment are: James A. Coney, Charles H. White, Lyra F. Wolkins, Archie E. Luther,[9] Alfred Osborne, Frances E. Wheeler. The Nominating Committee recommends that Lindley M. Binford be named to take the place left vacant by the recent death of Archie E. Luther. The appointment is duly made.

Representatives named on Civilian Public Service Comtee of Amer. Fds. Service Comtee.

38 We have had read to us a letter from the American Friends Service Committee regarding Civilian Public Service administration. Lindley M. Binford and Lelia S. Marstaller, together with James A. Coney, our general superintendent, are named to the service indicated, that is, to represent The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England on a general American Executive Committee, which is to have care of the direction and administration of Friends Civilian Public Service.

Enlarged Yearly Meeting Civilian Public Service Comtee named

39 The Meeting has agreed to the request of James A. Coney that a larger Yearly Meeting Committee on Civilian Public Service be named. We direct the three representatives just named to the American Friends Service Committee appointment, Lindley M. Binford, Lelia S. Marstaller, and James A. Coney, to serve with eight others to be co-opted by them, one from each Quarterly Meeting, as our Yearly Meeting Committee on Civilian Public Service, such committee to be considered under appointment for the duration of the war situation. The committee is therefore

[9] Died 4 Mo. 10, 1942

[8] See Committee Directory, page 72, printed Minutes

Members of Civilian Public Service Committee

composed of eleven members, who are, Lindley M. Binford, Delia S. Marstaller, James A. Coney, and from the Quarterly Meetings the following persons:

Rhode Island, Norman S. Grafton
Salem, Arthur Lavtmier
Sandwich, Earl Erickson
Falmouth, George R. Hutchinson
Smithfield, Russell Brooks
Vassalboro, Helen N. Cates
Dover, Lowell E. Roberts
Fairfield, Sophia E. Hawkes

Statistical report read

40 Statistics for the year have been assembled by the presiding clerk from the reports sent in by our Quarterly Meetings. From these, selected items have been read to us. (Map in back cover)

Deceased Friends

Death has once more come to our circle and taken to their Heavenly home Friends beloved in local meetings and Yearly Meeting. Among these are: Archie E. Luther, clerk of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and Mary W. Macomber, both of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting; John A. Cornell of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting; Edith Priest Whitten, Vassalboro Monthly Meeting; Joseph Dearborn, Falmouth Monthly Meeting; Edward Lyman Brown, Boston Monthly Meeting; Cora E. Huntington, Weare Monthly Meeting.

We keenly miss their presence and help, but
... "still their silent ministry Within our hearts hath place
As when on earth they walked with us And met us face to face.
Ours are they by an ownership Nor time nor death can free;
For God hath given to Love to keep Its own, eternally." (1)

41 Nominations received at this time from the Nominating Committee have been confirmed.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Sixth day morning, Sixth Month 26th. Met according to appointment.

In silence, the Meeting entered into communion and prayer. Laura A. Ellison encouraged us to feel that the depth of our need is met by the depth of God's love. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? --- Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."

42 Oliver M. Frazer presented the annual accounts of work

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(1) Adapted from "My Dead", by Frederick L. Hosmer

Committee on Public Morals reports

carried on through the Committee on Public Morals. The report is approved with thanks. (See pages 22-23, printed Minutes)

Education Committee reports

43. From the Committee on Education, George L. Crosman, treasurer, we have a report of loans to needy students, which has been read to us by L. Ralston Thomas. Gratitude to George L. Crosman for the splendid management of the funds has been voiced for the Meeting by Rufus M. Jones. (For report see p. 23, printed Minutes)

School reports

Moses Brown School

Lincoln School

44. The educational interests of the Yearly Meeting being the scheduled subject of this session, the Meeting next considered the reports from the schools in Rhode Island.

For the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School, in the absence of Alexander C. Purdy, clerk, L. Ralston Thomas, headmaster, read the one hundred twenty-third annual report of Moses Brown School. Marion S. Cole, headmistress, presented the account of the year's work of Lincoln School. Financial statements have also been read. The Meeting appreciates sincerely the devoted and capable service of those entrusted with the care of our schools. (Reports are on pages 24-31, printed Minutes)

Oak Grove School

45. Eva Pratt Owen, co-principal with Robert E. Owen of Oak Grove School, incorporated last year and now under trustee management, has read to the Meeting the account of the year's accomplishments. This fine record of the School's activities has been greatly appreciated. (See pages 31-33)

In the discussion period, Mary Hoxie Jones, Wilbur K. Thomas, M. Helena Nase, and others spoke of their varying individual concerns regarding our schools and the educational contributions of the Quaker institutions of learning.

Question to be added to statistical blank re Civilian Public Service &c.

46 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting sent in a request that monthly meetings add to the statistical information now required a question asking for the number of Friends engaged in Civilian Public Service work and in the armed forces. Discussion was shared in by Alfred Osborne, Lelia S. Marstaller, Philip O. Gifford, and others. The Meeting

directs the presiding clerk to add such a question to the blanks now in use.

Peace Committee enlarged from six to nine members

47 There has become evident a need for a larger Peace Committee. We therefore direct that the membership of this committee be increased from six to nine, and ask the Nominating Committee to report the names of three additional persons to serve on the Peace Committee.

Adjourned to Seventhday morning at 9.30.

Seventh day morning, Sixth Month 27th. Met at the hour appointed.

Junior Yearly Meeting attends

48 The members of the Junior Yearly Meeting in numbers of fifty or more came into the meeting singing their Junior hymn, after which Friends settled into a worship season. Rufus M. Jones presented in vivid form the story of the wise and foolish virgins. The juniors then sang: "We are building day by day."

Tribute to H. N. Tollefson founder of Junior Y. Mtg.

The presiding clerk paid tribute to the splendid work of the Junior Yearly Meeting and to the lasting influence of the vision and organizing ability of Harold N. Tollefson who first glimpsed the possibilities of such an organization.

49 Professor Karl Schmidt of Carleton College, Minnesota, and his wife, Edith Kimball Schmidt and daughter Baldura Lindemann, members of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, are present at this session and have been welcomed.

Board of Care & Relief, Huntington Home

50 This is now the thirty seventh year that reports have come to this Meeting from the Board of Care and Relief. We rejoice in the continuing service of Huntington Home. The reports have been accepted.
(Reports are on pages 35-6, printed Minutes)

S. N. P. Dixon Trust Committee

51 The Committee on the Sarah N. Pope Dixon Trust has submitted the annual account of the Trust, which has been approved and accepted. (see page 36, printed Minutes)

52 The annual report of the Yearly Meeting treasurer, George G. Wolkins, has been submitted in detail, with the reading of a somewhat abbreviated statement. Joseph L. Hiller has duly audited the account and subscribed in proper form his attestation to the accurate condition of all books,

Report of Treasurer of Yearly Meeting

accounts, vouchers, together with the report. The Meeting has approved and accepted the treasurer's report with its complete account of receipts and disbursements of Yearly Meeting current funds.

Philip C. Gifford and Rufus M. Jones with others have expressed on behalf of the Meeting their deep appreciation of the extremely careful and satisfactory work of the treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer. √

Treasurer's Report

6 Mo. 28, 1941, to 6 Mo. 22, 1942.

Receipts

Cash, demand deposit, 2d Natl. Bank, Boston		$ 2,745 23
Yearly Meeting Current Funds:		
Quarterly Meetings	$1,732 35	
Sales of "Discipline"	4 00	
L. M. Binford, adjustment	90	1,737 23
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1941-42)		
Local Meetings, in the Quarterly Meetings	$ 3,057 69	
Individual subscriptions	2,340 00	
Evangelistic Committee of Rhode Island Quarter	10 00	
Woman's Missionary Society of the Yearly Meeting	500 00	5,907 69 2
√2 This sum plus $765.02 reported received Minutes, 1941, p. 42, makes $6,672.71 amount raised for United Budget, 1941-42		
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1942-43)		
Local Meetings	$ 691 36	
Individual subscriptions	236 00	927 36
Sundries:		
American Friends Service Committee	246 00	
China Relief	14 00	
Civilian Public Service	3,695 07	
Individual subscriptions (to C. P. Service)	52 00	
Friends Fellowship Council (E. Vassalboro)	4 50	
In aid of missionaries escaped &c	10 00	
Rhode Island Peace Society: for camp fees et al in discretion of treasurer	60 00	4,081 57
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee: Offering, Fund income, United Budget, from Quota, Sale of St. Albans property, & dividend from liquidation, Fidelity Trust Co. - - - - -		4,325 19
Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools: United Budget & Offering		66 66
Yearly Meeting Committee on Public Morals United Budget		45 98
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee dividend in liquidation, Ticonic Natl. Bank		51 30
Committee on S. N. P. Dixon Trust: Income, Provident Trust Co.		1,500 00
Rent, Pittsfield N.H., residence	99 00	
Interest, H & L 1½ % - $100	1 50 100 50	100 50
"Wayside Pulpit" Fund		50 00
		$ 21,938 73

√ Summarized. Full report is on pages 37 - 44, printed Minutes.

Payments

Yearly Meeting Current Funds:			
Expense, holding sessions, 1940		$ 55 00	
Expenses, visiting Friends with minutes		45 00	
Presiding clerk		50 00	
Recording clerk		25 00	
Premium, surety bond for treasurer (5000)		12 50	
Calendars (500) sessions Yearly Meeting		16 80	
Circulars (1,500), postage, &c., Committee Arrangements		20 00	
Yearly Meeting & Junior Epistles (50 and 35 copies)		7 25	
Replies, [illegible] re "Minutes"		3 17	
Printed Yearly Meeting Minutes (96 pp. @ 4.50) (sewing binding &c.)		445 00	
Alterations in "Minutes"		10 35	
Interdenominational Commission, Maine, dues		2 00	
Postage, stamped envelopes, &c.		2 77	
Five Years Meeting assessment		20 10	
Audit expense		9 55	
Account book for treasurer		12 85	
St. Albans transfer		1 00	
Expenses L. M. Bickford, presiding clerk (1940-41)		17 98	
Stationery for presiding clerk		11 01	
Services, H. A. E. Gladding, on records in vault		9 24	
Expenses delegates to Richmond Conference		71 59	
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee toward deficit		500 00	
Friends World Committee, American Section		25 00	
Express charges on "Minutes"		1 45	
			$1,562 61
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1940-41): To Five Years Meeting			2,110 55
Yearly Meeting Budget Funds (1941-42): To Five Years Meeting		$ 1,463 19	
To Yearly Meeting Committees:			
Evangelistic	$ 2,488 78		
Board Young Friends Activities	59 37		
Public Morals	45 98		
Bible Schools	61 31		
Peace	14 85		
		2,670 29	
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee to reduce deficit		1,000 00	5,133 48
United Budget expense items not debited to specific accounts			21 37
Sundry remittances:			
American Friends Service Committee		250 50	
China Relief		14 00	
Civilian Public Service, camp fees		1,334 13	
Missionaries from occupied countries		10 00	
			1,608 63
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee:			
In aid of Meetings		1,570 00	
General Superintendent, salary & expenses		1,831 35	
Automobile, payments on new car & sundry expenses		510 47	3,911 82
Income Emily M. Jones Fund for E. Parsonsfield		14 72	
Expense, St. Albans transfer		3 55	18.27
"Wayside Pulpit" fund			15 00
Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee			5 00
Yearly Meeting Committee on Bible Schools			23 75
" Committee on Public Morals			37 50
" Committee on E. N. P. Dixon [illegible] To Board of Care & Relief			1,533 72
Invested in Home Owners Loan Corp. 1½% 1947-45			101 69
accrued interest on purchase			09
Invested in Government Appreciation Bond			74 00
To Board of Managers &c: Emily M. Jones & George W. Varney legacies			1,500 00
To United Budget ('41-'42) - for Africa Industrial Mission			35 10
			$17,192 58
On hand, to balance: Cash, demand - deposit with Second Nat'l Bank, Boston			[13] 4,746 15
			$21,938 73

Submitted, George F. Wolkins, Treasurer

Examined & found correct, with proper vouchers,
Joseph L. Hiller, Auditor

[13] For items represented see footnote, page 45, printed Minutes

Oak Grove securities turned over to Trustees of Oak Grove S.

53 Report is made that the securities and cash belonging to Oak Grove School were turned over to the First Portland National Bank as agent for the Oak Grove School Trustees in compliance with Minute No. 56, Minutes of 1941.

Board of Auditors of Yearly Meeting Property

54 The Board of Auditors of the Property of the Yearly Meeting report a careful and thorough examination of the condition of all Yearly Meeting properties together with books of account, records of transactions, balance sheets, and vouchers. The three auditors worked in close collaboration and submit the report in their joint capacity, but George F. Cates, the junior member of the Board, now in Civilian Public Service Camp in Colville, California, was chairman of the Board for the year and prepared the report. The Meeting is happy to recognize the share taken by our young Friend in this important duty and asks the presiding clerk to send George F. Cates a letter of thanks. The report is approved and accepted. (see printed Minutes pages 45-46)

55 Robert E. Owen, chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the Recommendations for the year 1942-43, which are as presented herewith. The Meeting adopted these recommendations and directs the Quarterly Meetings to carry out each and every direction contained therein.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee

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1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $2,000 be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses during the year 1942-43, payable half on 11 Mo. 1 and the remainder on 5 Mo. 1 and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $2,000 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings.

2. That the treasurer be authorized to make payment within the following appropriations:

Five Years Meeting Assessment for year ending 3 Mo. 31, 1943	225 00
Printing and distributing Yearly Meeting Minutes: Printing $500 sewing binding $15 Corrections $40 Mailing expense 20	575 00
Entertainment visiting ministers ... at sessions Yearly Meeting	100 00
Expense holding Yearly Meeting in Ocean Park, 1942	100 00
Sundry items expense incident to sessions ...	200 00
Use of Committee on Care of Vault and Records ...	50 00
Carry forward	1,250 00

(Cont.)
Finance Committee Recommendations

Brought forward	$1,[illegible] 00
Minor expenses during the year	50 00
Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee deficit	500 00
Friends World Committee, American Section	25 0
Deficit in Yearly Meeting current funds	175 0
	$2,000 0

3. That the following apportionment of the $2,150 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted for the year 1942-43:

	Percentages		
Rhode Island	18	Smithfield	11
Salem	20	Vassalboro	7
Sandwich	16	Dover	5
Falmouth	15	Fairfield	8

4. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the clerks of Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

5. That our local meetings give most serious consideration to the requirements of the United Budget and that determined effort should be made not only to raise the entire amount authorized by the Permanent Board in 2 Mo. last but that remittances be made as nearly as possible in equal monthly instalments. Under Minute No. 30, 1937, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to send each month to the Five Years Meeting one-twelfth of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the United Budget requirement, and all local meetings are urged to co-operate in this respect.

6. That the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to borrow in the name of the Yearly Meeting such sums as may be needed to make possible equal monthly remittances of the Yearly Meeting's obligation to the Five Years Meeting through United Budget requirements for the year 1942-43 and to borrow such further sums as may be needed to meet the requirements of the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee.

7. That the Finance Committee be authorized to provide for the auditing of the treasurer's accounts and that the treasurers of all committees handling funds for the Yearly Meeting be required to have their accounts audited by such persons as may be approved by the chairman of the Finance Committee

8. That the presiding clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the chairman of the Finance Committee, acting together, be given authority to approve the payment of charges for the entertainment of visiting ministers and

others from a distance who attend the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

9. That the portion of Yearly Meeting quota of current expenses owed by Fairfield Quarter for the year 1940-41 be cancelled.

10. That George G. Wolkins be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee, [illegible] E. Owen, Chairman

56 George G. Wolkins is appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

George G. Wolkins appointed treasurer

57 The Gospel Service Committee has submitted an account of its attention to duties assigned. By way of explanation, from the record of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight we take the following excerpt:

Gospel Service Committee

"This Meeting unites in asking the Gospel Service Committee to arrange two devotional services to be held at the usual time in the morning this year."... (Report appears on page 48)

58 The Correspondence Committee has sent in a letter for our Friends of Ram Allah Monthly Meeting which we approve and direct signed and sent on our behalf.

Epistles read & directed sent

A draft of an epistle to be sent to Friends everywhere as the message of the Yearly Meeting has been received from the Correspondence Committee and read at this time. The document has been warmly approved. We direct that it be signed by the clerks and sent on our behalf to Yearly Meetings and other organized bodies of Friends in this country and abroad as way may open.

59 The Committee on Public Morals presented a resolution regarding the Sheppard Bill, S. 860. After consideration, it was sent back to the committee for slight changes in the text.

60 Lindley M. Binford reports that progress has been made in the preparation of a proposed revised discipline for the Five Years Meeting. A few copies of a tentative draft are available for examination.

in re revised Discipline

61 James A. Corey asks for a minute for travelling service this summer. This is heartily approved, and the Meeting directs the preparation of such a minute for our general superintendent.

Minute for service granted to Jas. A. Corey

62 Nominations coming in at this time from the Nominating Committee have been confirmed.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Convened according to adjournment.

63 A welcome letter to this Meeting from Alice Whittier Jones from Ram Allah, Palestine, was received this week, and we have listened with loving appreciation to its message of courage and vision.

Report of Young Friends Work

64 Gwendolyn B. Coney came before us with an illuminating account of the work in care of the Board of Young Friends Activities. To complete this, there has been read the report of the Junior Yearly Meeting under care of the Young Friends Board, with the Junior Epistle following. (See pages 50-52 printed Minutes)

65 From the American Young Friends Fellowship we have a letter which explains their affiliation with the Friends Fellowship Council as a youth section, and the purpose for which their organization exists.

T. Canby Jones of Philadelphia continued with an appeal to Friends to understand the purposes of Young Friends and to co-operate in their desire to carry the message of Divine fellowship, of enrichment of spiritual life, of the development of a social order based on the active spirit of love. Joseph T. and Eleanor W. Lippincott have also been acceptably in attendance at this Yearly Meeting, coming from their community work in Celo, North Carolina. Words of appreciation from Joseph Lippincott have added to the encouraging spirit of co-operative effort which is evident in our New England field. Rufus M. Jones, John Gatchell, and Lelia S. Marstaller continued in appreciation of the fine attitude of helpfulness of the younger members of the Yearly Meeting.

Peace Committee

66 The Peace Committee submitted a brief summary of its work. (page 53, printed Minutes)

American Friends Service Committee

67 Rufus M. Jones gave a descriptive interpretation of what has been attempted and accomplished by the American Friends Service Committee. The annual report has been received but not read.

Philip E. Jacob followed with a few pertinent observations on the institutes of international relations, caravans, seminars, and inter-fellowship with Mexico through neighborly-group visitation and social betterment projects. The Meeting rejoices in the presence of Philip E. Jacob and looks forward to his message this evening. Mary Hoxie Jones continued with typical illustrations of refugee experiences in America, in hostels, schools, and homes, where the Service Committee has been able to render encouragement and help in making the necessary adjustments to life in this country.

68 Lindley M. Binford recommended for the Evangelistic Committee the re-appointment of James A. Emery as general superintendent of the Yearly Meeting. Friends heartily approved and James A. Emery is accordingly appointed to the position for one year.

69 The Committee on Public Morals has conferred and submits a revised resolution, which reads: (see p. 54, printed Minutes) This Meeting approves sending the resolution as outlined and directs the presiding clerk to sign and forward it on behalf of the Yearly Meeting to the persons indicated.

Resolution re [illegible] Bill [illegible]

70 Alfred Osborne voiced his continuing desire for a more complete organic unity of all Friends in the New England area.

71 We desire to extend to the Ocean Park Association our gratitude for generous hospitality and friendly fellowship.

72 The time and place of holding the sessions of the Yearly Meeting in 1943 have been considered. We have decided to meet again in Ocean Park, if the Lord will, the time to be from Sixth Month 23rd to 27th, 1943, with Meeting on Ministry and Oversight on the 22nd.

Time & place of holding

73 We direct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,550 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, if that number appears desirable. We grant permission to the Printing Committee to use their discretion in condensing or abbreviating reports in the printed Minutes and in omitting lengthy reports from outside organizations.

Direct Printing Committee re Minutes

74 We instruct the clerks to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

Instructions to Clerks

Thanks to Clerks

75 The thanks of the Meeting have been expressed for the faithful and efficient work of the clerks as also for the satisfactory work of the Committee on Arrangements

Copies certified for deposit

76 Three copies of the printed Minutes of 1941 have been certified by the clerks for deposit in the vault in Moses Brown School.

77 Organizations of the several committees and boards have been sent in.

Nominating Committee

78 For the information of the Yearly Meeting at large, the following Friends have served as its Nominating Committee, being named to this service by the several Quarterly Meetings from among their representatives to this Meeting:

	For One Year	For Two Years
Rhode Island,	Josephine H. Barr	Louisa White
Salem,	Gertrude W. Osborne	Blanche R. Howland
Sandwich,	Edward L. Macomber	Annie E. Rose
Falmouth,	Lindley J. Cook	Mary P. Ware
Smithfield,	Lucia A. Wheeler	Susan L. Dow
Vassalboro,	Eva Pratt Owen	Mary W. Jones
Dover,	Myron I. Jenness	James A. Corey
Fairfield,	Emeline M. Hawkes	Eleanor C. Bailey

Absent Friends remembered especially Sarah J. Swift

79 We have greatly missed the presence of Sarah J. Swift, now in her ninety sixth year, and wish to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for her long years of devoted interest in all the affairs of our Yearly Meeting and for her generous financial aid in its every good cause. We wish her to know that our prayers go out for her and that we sympathize with her in her hours of sickness and suffering. It appears that she gave Arthur W. Hawkes a message for us. She said: "Probably no one attending would enjoy being there more than I would, if I were able to go. Tell them I am growing more feeble in mind and body but that I love my Yearly Meeting friends as much as I ever did."

We direct the presiding clerk to send our loving greetings to Sarah J. Swift.

Greetings to [illegible] aged & ill

80 Similar messages of friendly greeting we send also to Susan Perry Swan, New Sharon, Maine, now in her ninety-ninth year, as also to Lucy Amy Hawkes, Hallowell, Maine who is almost ninety-seven years of age. Our remembrances

are also directed sent to Clarence J. Pinkham, Dover, New Hampshire and to C. Amah Tucker, Providence, Rhode Island.

We are remembering also in loving sympathy and prayer our dear friends and former members, Elihu and Amy Grant, in the very serious illness of Elihu Grant.

Recording Clerk retires at close of term of office.

81 The present recording clerk having signified her wish to be released from the office before the next session of Yearly Meeting, the representatives have met again and considered the matter of a successor. They recommend that Helen T. Gifford be designated as their choice for recording clerk to take her place at the opening session of the Yearly Meeting in 1943. The Meeting approves the recommendation and designates Helen T. Gifford to serve as recording clerk when the resignation of Lyra T. Watkins becomes effective.

Adjourned to First day morning at 10.30.

First day morning, Sixth Month 28th, 1942.

After the public meeting for worship, the closing minute was read by the presiding clerk.

82 The two hundred eighty second annual gathering of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England has now completed its purposes to the measure of our ability. We have recognized our dependence on the wisdom and strength that is from above. Something of the burden of the world's suffering has been laid upon us. We have been aware of the ocean of darkness and death that has encompassed the whole earth. But we have seen and touched that ocean of light and love that is above the sea of darkness and death. The infinite love of God has shined in our souls.

We now conclude our meeting, praying that we shall faithfully walk in the light as our Lord Christ is in the light and is the Light and that we shall be faithful and joyous torch-bearers in our darkened world.

If Divine Providence permits, we propose to meet in Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 23rd to 27th, 1943.

Arthur Jones Presiding Clerk
Lyra T. Watkins, Recording Clerk

1943
Minutes of the Yearly Meeting

1. At the two hundred and eighty-third annual session of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Ocean Park, Maine, beginning at 9.30 a.m. on Fourth day Sixth month 23rd, 1943.

2. Reminding us of "the seed that will arise" Rufus M. Jones, as we settled for a period of worship, carried us thrillingly back to the very beginnings - to the birth of Quakerism in America. We are meeting today realizing that we, "the remnant of the seed in New England" are surrounded by a cloud of faithful forerunners. We accept the challenge of George Rofe, the young man from England who felt that "there was a great seed in New England" and go forward, "thankful for the era run and trusting God for the ensuing one."

3. Calling the names of Quarterly Meeting representatives claimed our attention as the first business of the day:

Rhode Island Louisa White, L. Ralston Thomas, Willis H. White, Helen T. Gifford, Josephine H. Carr, Elizabeth J. Trout, Charlotte Downing, Daniel P. Stowe, Harold W. Hayes, Mary Harvey.

Salem Blanche R. Howland, Gertrude W. Osborne, Helena Paradise, Chester C. Smith, Ruth E. Osborne, Gertrude H. Lawrence, Alfred Osborne, Bessie M. Stott, Grace P. Atkins, James Wild, John H. Mador. Alternates: Calvin A. Smith, Elizabeth L. Peaslee, Wilbur K. Thomas, Annie S. Dorman, Laura A. Pearson.

Sandwich Joseph L. Weller, Annie E. Rose, Sophia E. Hawkes, Everett W. Chapman, Marie E. Chapman, Alice C. Gifford, Oscar D. Madison, Thomas A. Tripp, Jennie W. Gifford.

Falmouth Lindley J. Fox, Harvey Jones, John C. Whitehill, M. Marion Bailey, Hattie O. Fox, Mary P. Ware, Albert H. Woodward, Bessie J. Hall, Fannie C. Timberlake, Lottie M. Bailey, Cora E. Wiggin, Etta H. Ricker. Alternates:— Jennie M. Atkins, George R. Hutchinson, Lindley M. Binford.

Smithfield Lucia A. Wheeler, Frances E. Wheeler, Susan L. Dow, Agnes W. Harrison, Mabel A. Thayer, Gladys J. Tollefson, Stephen A. Randall, Harold N. Tollefson, Harry Harrison.

Vassalboro Julia S. Brown, Robert E. Owen, Eva Pratt Owen, Helen N. Cates, Millicent Weston, Mary W. Jones, Rufus M. Jones, Guy R. Whitten.

Dover — Bertha E. Richardson, Allison Tandberg, Walter H. Wood, Oscar D. Nutter, James A. Emery, Donald F. Rounds, Ralph Jones.
Alternates:- Russell Brooks, Annie Pinkham.

Fairfield — Arthur Jones, Alice M. Whiting, Eveline Hawkes, Eleanor C. Bailey, Marion R. Whiting.

Following the usual custom, the names of those not answering this morning, will be read at the afternoon session.

Visiting Friends to our sessions

4. Visiting Friends with their minutes were presented to the Meeting: J. Passmore and Anna D. Elkinton, James G. and Alice B. Walker, Leslie D. and Blanche W. Shaffer, D. Jean Thomason, Anna Hartshorn Brown, all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Charles T. Thomas, Lillian White Shepard, Percy M. Thomas of Richmond Indiana, Cecil E. Hinshaw, Wichita Kansas, Annice Carter, Palestine, Syria, G. Ward Applegate of Wilmington, Ohio, Thomas E. and Esther B. Jones of Wilmington, Delaware, William J. Sayre, Indiana.
These Friends are cordially welcomed to our sessions. We appreciate the friendly messages addressed to us — their minutes and the messages they have shared with us in the Meeting. Also we welcome Anna Foster and Elizabeth Foster of Nantucket Monthly Meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting, and we are grateful for "the food of life" that brings in these Friends to us.

5. A warm welcome to the Yearly Meeting was extended by the Ocean Park Association Superintendent Adelbert M. Jakeman. He reminded us that we are meeting here for the twelfth season, a helpful time for all.

6. Names sent from the various Quarterly Meetings for the Finance Committee and the Nominating Committee have been received and informed.

Extracts from Permanent Board

7. Extracts from the report of the Permanent Board presented by Alfred Osborne, contained information and recommendations which are approved, included in this is the adoption of the $5,000 budget for 1943-44.
(see printed minutes pp 5 and 6)

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8. Items of information from the Quarterly Meetings:

Information from Quarterly Meetings

All Quarterly Meetings report that they are not neglecting the reading of the "Queries". Smithfield Quarterly Meeting approves unanimously the recognition of the gift in the ministry of Russell Brooks, a member recently transferred from their Meeting to Dover Quarterly Meeting. Salem Quarterly Meeting directs its clerk to request the item regarding the statistical question about military service to be clarified.

Summary American Epistles

9. The summary of the American Epistles has been read. It is noted that Meetings all over are finding there a keen sensitiveness toward war conditions. One says "As the period of darkness stretches into the future, let us have faith that the light may still be preserved by small groups of Christian people who continue to realize by individual and group experience the guidance and support of the light that never goes out, but must be continually watched for with a humble and expectant spirit." Another believes that our Society has a message for the world. "A great flame must burst from us now to melt any hatreds and greeds, and thus make a true brotherhood of all God's children." "We must be willing to extend love and understanding faith to those who interpret Christ's teachings differently from ourselves and to those who do not in any way accept them."

Committee on Returning Minutes

10. The Committee to prepare returning minutes for visiting Friends as named is: Mary P. Ware, Alvano C. Goddard and Ezra I. Watkins.

11. James A. Gray, the Yearly Meeting General Superintendent, has been attending several Yearly Meetings during the past year. The returning minutes show appreciation for his presence and for his messages. He requests a minute for Canada Yearly Meeting and other Meetings as way may open. This request met with unanimous approval.

12. The epistle was read from Mid-India Yearly Meeting, held at Itarsi, Eleventh Month 1942. This Yearly Meeting was united in sympathy with our India Friends in their experience of

suffering, travail and faithful service in these dark days.

13. Representatives are directed to meet at the close of this morning session to present names to fill vacancies.

Adjourned to 3.45 this afternoon.
Afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

14. [illegible] C. [illegible] offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the heritage which has been handed down to us, the opportunity for service. "And grant [illegible] [illegible], we pray Thee, grace and guidance for thy work."

15. Louisa White, acting for the representative body, proposed as clerks to serve the Meeting, the following Friends:

appointments of clerks for one year.

Presiding Clerk: William Jones
Recording Clerk: [illegible] T. [illegible]
Reading Clerks: John C. [illegible], Louisa White
The nominations were approved and the appointments made for one year.

16. The names of the representatives not in attendance at this morning session were called again. Certain substitutions have been reported.

17. From the Chairman and the Treasurer of the Committee on the disbursement of the Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund

Mosher Fund report

we have received and accepted the following report:
(see pages 7 and 8, printed minutes)

18. Harold N. Tollefson came forward to call the attention of the Meeting to the acceptable services of Charles F. Thomas who has been working with the Young Friends' group throughout the Five Years Meeting and who has been helping the Young Friends here at Ocean Park. He urged members of the Meeting to contact Charles Thomas and have him visit our various meetings as Secretary of the Young Friends, who will bring a concerned message to young people wherever he may visit.

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19. The annual report of the Missionary Committee, including a letter dated Ram Allah, Fourth Month 12, 1943, from Alice Whittier Jones, was presented.

Missionary Committee report

Alice Whittier Jones wishes fervently that the concern for missions shall be rolled onto the shoulders of our youth. She hopes the youth may catch the vision and understand and appreciate the "faith of our fathers". In accepting the report of the Missionary Committee and Alice W. Jones's letter, our thoughts have naturally been turned toward Palestine and our other Ram Allah friends.

Death of Elihu Grant noted

20. The Meeting's attention has been called to the death of our beloved friend Elihu Grant, who for several years was connected with the Boys' School in Ram Allah. The Meeting directs the Clerk to send to his wife, Amy Chase Grant, a message of love and sympathy.

American Friends Board of Missions

21. Frances E. Wheeler reported for "our" American Friends Board of Missions. Many workers need to be relieved of their duties, and some workers are going out to teach; about thirty should be going or coming at this time. This report contains an intimate account of the many consecrated teachers in the fields. We are asked to read our Missionary papers regularly; this will give an added enthusiasm and understanding of our great missionary obligation.

(See pp. 9, printed minutes)

Stewardship

22. William J. Sayre reporting for Merle L. Davis, on Stewardship, directed our attention to pamphlets on the table. He recommended a list of books, and one book especially — "Into my Storehouse" — a source book on Stewardship of real value to leaders in meetings.

23. Percy M. Thomas, Acting Secretary of the Five Years Meeting, added a further word on our responsibility toward Christian Stewardship as a practical way of life.

Woman's Missionary Society report

24. The Woman's Missionary Society has sent in its annual report. In this we find a continued interest in the study of Missions and a cooperation of all Yearly Meeting Societies in a more united program. (See pp. 10, 11, 12 printed minutes)

Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs

25. Herman J. Lawrence presented the report of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs. This report brought us up to date on the work undertaken by the Indians themselves, in their four mission fields.

James A. Tracy's further report on Indian activities

26. James A. Tracy attended the 74th Annual Meeting on Indian Affairs held at Pendle Hill in the spring. He had been visiting Indian centers recently and the freshness of the message which he brings to this session renews our interest in this service. There is on display a very colorful quilt presented to James A. and Elise B. Tracy by the Ladies Aid of Seneca Council House. The Senecas presented James A. Tracy with a striped blanket - giving, he has been told, that he was an accepted visitor amongst them.

27. J. Passmore Elkinton expressed appreciation to the Yearly Meeting for James A. Tracy and his contribution to Conference.

28. D. Logan Thompson, chairman of the Young Friends Movement in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, rose to express his concern for the Friends' Missionary program. The young people are anxious to throw themselves wholeheartedly into a worthy cause, and if we can present the missionary needs to them the young people will respond.

29. The Nominating Committee has submitted names for the Permanent Board to serve for two, three and five years, for the Calendar Committee to serve for three years, and for the Missionary Committee for two and three year periods. These appointments have been confirmed.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Fifthday morning, Sixth Month 24th. 9.30. Convened for worship and business.

30. The prayer that "the Lord might put upon us the burden of the world's suffering" would seem to overwhelm us today. We prayer for ability to understand the world's pain and the ability to overcome barriers of our own race - "Holy Father, Together we ask Thy help".

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31. The general epistle of London Yearly Meeting, held from the 30th of Seventh Month to the 4th of Eighth Month, 1942 at York England, with a covering letter from the clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings, has been read as a part of the worship period. Our hearts are very close to the Friends in England, and we with them "humbly hope that in some way we may be shown another step forward and may see a clearer light on the path into Christ's Kingdom." Implicated, as we are, in the sin of this war, we too would "dedicate our lives afresh to His service and in reliance on His guidance to accept fearlessly calls to unfamiliar or even uprooting experiences." And we, too, would ask "How can we convince men hungry for assurance that life, and abundant life, is within their grasp, that Christ is life, except by showing them the power of God reflected, however imperfectly, in our own, in love and neighbourliness and understanding."

General Epistle London Yearly Meeting

32. J. Passmore Elkinton reviewed for us the history and purpose of the American Friends Fellowship Council at this time. Originating from a concern of Rufus M. Jones as he returned from his 1930 trip around the world, this Committee came into being to further emphasize Friends' responsibility toward the world. As now functioning the Committee's three objectives are the intervisitation of Friends, the work of the Wider Quaker Fellowship which ministers to persons who are close to Friends but who are not formally members of the Society of Friends, and the nurturing of new independent groups of Friends and overseeing the new Monthly Meetings of these groups. The American Friends Fellowship Council is an independent Committee made up of representatives from various meetings who have a real concern to help direct these new independent meetings into their natural channels, lending a hand until each meeting is settled into an established Yearly Meeting.

Work of American Friends Fellowship Council reviewed.

33. The next item of regular business was the reading of the summary reports of the Spiritual Condition as sent in by the several Quarterly Meetings. Each meeting giving what we appreciate to be an honest account of the state of its membership.

Spiritual Condition Summary read

a deepening fellowship found in the cooperative work of the meeting, a greater diligence in attending our meetings for worship and in assuming responsibilities, even under difficulties resulting from restricted travel, and a greater harmony among our members and with the community encourages one to believe that real Christian interest is manifested.

Statistical Report read

34. Statistics for the year have been compiled by the clerk and selected items read to the Meeting. Membership this year is 3,147.* A concern was expressed regarding the Monthly Meetings' obligation toward the Associated Members in giving the boys and girls, when they reach a responsible age, an invitation to assume active membership in the meeting. Thus it is felt, real benefit is derived by the active member and by the meeting.

35 Another task of the older members is to lead our youth in Friends' peace testimony. Since problems of war and preparation for war must be faced for an indefinite period, we should keep before us, as we note the challenge to youth in these war torn months, the commands "thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart" but "bear ye one another's burden" and "love thy neighbor as thyself."

Junior Yearly Meeting sends greetings

36. The Junior Yearly Meeting representatives, Walter Thomas of Portland, Maine and Louis Young of Dover, New Hampshire, came into our Meeting carrying a letter from their regular session, signed by their clerks. We appreciate the cordiality and dignity of this message and direct that returning greetings be taken to the juniors by Alice Whiting and Norman E. Trafton.

Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee report

37. The report submitted by the chairman of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee informs us that the committee released the General Superintendent to visit other meetings during the year. The account of the meetings visited and the welcome that James A. Jones received as noted in this report encourages us to believe that Quakerism has gone forward through this intervisitation. The Committee reports the drastic reduction in its income, a substantial part of which

* (find full data on last page printed minutes)

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had been given by our beloved friend Sarah J. Swift, which caused the withdrawal of all financial assistance from meetings which had been receiving aid for years.

(See pp 15, 16 printed minutes)

38. Going into detail, James A. Craig's report as General Superintendent, admits that we had leaned perhaps too heavily on the generosity of large gifts and since the revision of the Committee's budget some meetings in the Yearly Meeting have rallied to the support of the ministry.

James A. Craig's annual report

The report shows, in regard to the forty active meetings in the Yearly Meeting, that in spite of difficulties in travel, our General Superintendent has visited all but four meetings. In many cases he has visited a meeting more than once. All Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and several sessions of Monthly Meetings as well as several weekend conferences have been attended.

(See pp 16, 17, 18, 19 printed minutes)

39. Words of appreciation were expressed by the Meeting for James A. Craig and his shepherding of our membership. We realize, we admitted, that the spirit of love and interest which he brings to each meeting, as he visits, helps to freshen our spirits and to encourage us.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Convened according to adjournment.

40. Continuing the consideration of the State of the Society, the Meeting has been interested in the report of the Superintendent of Bible Schools and Christian Education, Harold N. Tollefson.

Bible School and Christian Education report

Leadership training has been emphasized this year in our Meeting Bible Schools. Each department has been diligent also in its emphasis on Friendly interests in its instruction to our youth and in the adult education work. The Superintendent and his assistants interpret the statistics pertaining to the Bible Schools as indicative of the spiritual strength of our meetings.

(See pp. 19, 20, 21, printed minutes)

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address on Christian Education

41. Lillian White Shepard, Secretary of the Five Years Meeting Board of Christian Education, was presented as the speaker on "Training for Leadership in Friends Meeting." Lillian W Shepard, a contributing editor to young peoples periodicals and an author of Christian educational material, pointed to the paramount importance of Christian education in our Bible Schools to the growing child. Working with the child and his parents the teacher has a really strategic place in the life of the family and the meeting. Many helpful suggestions were offered which will help the teacher to enlarge her talents and which will create a real interest in her program for every class work. Our speaker reminded us that a teacher needs a consecration for her work, for the real method for education is love and encouragement as well as ability to teach facts. She must have a vital religious experience which is continually transforming her, so she will be a guiding example to her group.

Report of Committee to confer with New England Yearly Meeting and Independent Meetings

42. As the next item of business the clerk called for the report of the Committee to confer with New England Yearly Meeting and Independent Meetings. James A. [illegible], as Chairman, called on Lindley M. Binford, who gave a comprehensive history of the development of the proposed union of all Friends in New England:- Representatives of five groups of Friends - New England Yearly Meeting, The Connecticut Valley Association of Friends, Cambridge Meeting, Providence Friends Fellowship Monthly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England met in Westerly, Rhode Island, last fall, and prepared a plan of union for further study. A sub-committee of this group met later in the fall in Cambridge, Massachusetts and outlined a statement of recommendations for presentation to all Monthly Meetings in New England. A conference held in Lynn in the winter, carrying this concern further, asked for helpful suggestions and explained any of the items that might not be entirely understood. The Continuation Committee was united in hoping that way would open to proceed in forming a closer bond between all Friends in New England.

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James A. Frey next called on Alfred Osborne, clerk of the Permanent Board, who spoke of replies he had received from Monthly Meetings in response to his suggestion that they might express themselves on this subject. These replies were largely favorable to the plan and the Permanent Board adopted a minute requesting affirmative action by the Yearly Meeting.

The detailed plan was then presented to the Yearly Meeting. Next a letter was read from Jeannette H. Purdy, clerk of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends, stating that favorable action on the proposed union had been taken by that body. As we consider this weighty question we must remember — "It is a great message that is given us - good news indeed - but to give the message we must also be the message".

Continued
discussion
on
'Union' of
New England
Friends

Rufus M. Jones rose to tell the Meeting of his continued hope and prayer that the New England Friends might be united. This tragic separation took place almost a hundred years ago, since then we have been coming together again. Quakerism is growing and if we are ever to rebuild our broken world Christians must unite, and as a portion of this large Christian group, we Friends need to come closer together.

At this time several Monthly Meetings, through proper representatives expressed individual approval of the recommendations for union, and each favored the name of New England Yearly Meeting.

Moses Bailey pointed to the need of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends for the stability which comes from membership in an established Yearly Meeting.

George A. Selleck, Philip C. Gifford, Willis H. White, Eleanor A. Winslow, Grace S. Linder, Percy M. Thomas, Charles H. White expressed great concern that we should take favorable action for union. Lyra T. Watkins read briefly from George Fox's account of his visit to the Yearly Meeting in Newport in 1672, and expressed her interest in the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England that has come down to us from that time.

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The clerk then asked for a further expression on the question of union and the proposal was overwhelmingly approved.

Elizabeth J. Trout then rose to express the opinion of her Monthly Meeting. She said " Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of

Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting
reads its
findings on
question of union
of New England Friends

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Friends considered this matter at two different meetings. James A. Gray was present at one of these discussions, and we have sent a letter to the Yearly Meeting about it. While it is not hard to take the sense of this Meeting, and we will have no enmity toward anyone if this step is taken, yet I must speak for our Monthly Meeting. We feel this union will not be for the best interest of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

R.I. Monthly Meeting report on union

The question of working out details of the union, if it should be accepted by New England Yearly Meeting, was referred to the Standing Committee - James A. Gray, Charles H. White, Ezra P. Watkins, Lindley M. Binford, Alfred Osborne and Frances E. Wheeler.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Sixthday morning, Sixth Month 25th, 9.30. Met according to adjournment.

43. As the opening item of business L. Ralston Thomas presented the one hundred and twenty fourth annual report of the Moses Brown School. A fitting memorial was read as a part of this report to our beloved friend Sarah F. Swift who passed away at her home in Worcester Massachusetts on Eleventh Month 20th 1942. "We miss her interest, her spirit, her faithfulness and her generosity; and are grateful for the years of service which she was permitted to give us." Then followed the formal report of the School for a year in which the lack of sufficient manpower both in the buildings and on the grounds, and restrictions on fuel made modifications in the years program necessary. The School has had a good year and on Sixth Month 10th a class of forty was graduated. The report of an outstanding gift to the Moses Brown School during the year, by Mr and Mrs. Andrew M. Anderson, friends of Edith M. and L. Ralston Thomas, was gratefully accepted by the Meeting. This gift of buildings and sixty acres of land at Dark Harbor, Islesboro, Maine, has over a half mile of waterfront, a fine jetty and several good beaches, woodland, open fields, orchards and gardens. The fourteen-room house is in perfect condition. Moses Brown School feels deeply grateful for the opportunities this property will afford. A minute to the

Sarah F. Swift's Memorial (P. 25 printed minutes)

Annual Report of Moses Brown School *

Special gift to School of property in Islesboro, Me.

* Memorial to Charles E. Gibb p 26 printed minutes.

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Yearly Meeting was presented for consideration at this time. [illegible] Following the consideration of a recommendation made by the Executive Committee, it was decided that a request be made to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to permit the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School to submit to the Nominating Committee (each year) a list of names of men and women qualified by training, experience and disposition for membership on this Committee, from which a proper selection may be made. From the minutes of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School of 9th Month 4th, 1943.

Moses Brown School report continued. Minute from Executive Com. regarding selections for School Com. approved.

The recommendation was approved and referred to the Nominating Committee. The financial statement was read and these reports were accepted with appreciation.

(see pp. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32 printed minutes)

44. Next the report of Lincoln School with its financial statement was presented by Marion L. Cole, and the Oak Grove School report was presented by Robert E. Owen assuring the Meeting of a fine year's work. In the face of government restrictions which have caused many problems, these schools have been able to provide a program of high scholastic standard and of a satisfying quality of service for others. The Meeting is proud and grateful for the splendid year's work as shown in these three reports, and sincerely appreciates the devoted and capable service of those entrusted with the care of the schools. see 29, 30, 31, 32 also 32, 33, 34, 35 printed minutes

Reports of Lincoln School and Oak Grove School heard with appreciation

45. Rufus M. Jones reviewing the many interesting and distinguished events in the life of Moses Brown wishes that some one would be selected to collect the letters of Moses Brown and to preserve this material for permanent security and historical reference. Friends approve of such a biography to perpetuate the life of this most influential Friend and benefactor and hope that some qualified person may be enabled to write it.

Suggestion for a biography of Moses Brown and letters for permanent security and reference.

46. Arthur Lautmier, Chairman of the Committee on Public Morals, presents the annual report. The members of this committee and Friends in general are working with renewed earnestness in the face of appalling indifference on the part of the people. (see pp. 35 & 36, printed minutes)

Public Morals

47. Com. on Education For the Committee on Education, George L. Crosman, Treasurer, presented a satisfactory report of funds repaid and funds loaned. The splendid work of this committee is accepted with gratitude.

(For report of Treasurer see p.36 printed minutes)

48. Appointments from the Nominating Committee, at this time, met with approval.

49. James A. Covey requested to be released from the S.N.P. Dixon Trust Committee, feeling that he is unable to contribute as one should who is a member of this Committee. The Meeting granted this request.

50. A letter from the American Friends Fellowship Council was read, inviting the Yearly Meeting to appoint two members to serve on the Council for the year. The Meeting approves of referring this matter to the Nominating Committee.

51. Consideration given to non resident membership on Y.M. Committee. Gertrude W. Osborne of the Nominating Committee asked the Yearly Meeting to consider the matter of those members who have moved from the limits of the Yearly Meeting and who have not resigned from the Committees on which they were serving. The Meeting approved of allowing the Committee chairmen to suggest to the Nominating Committee the replacement of Committee members who have moved from the limits of the Yearly Meeting, and are no longer able to contribute to the work of the Committee.

52. Wilbur K. Thomas would have the Meeting take into account a little more the time and talents of the members to be appointed, pointing out that even though members may have moved from New England, the talents of these persons may still be used.

53. Roger Shaffer of West Campton, New Hampshire, CPS No. 32, appeared in the Meeting to explain what is to be expected in the demonstration which the thirteen men of the camp will perform at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Emergency Unit will practice what they term a rescue from a theoretical

disaster, using six volunteers from this meeting, as theoretical victims.

Letters to be sent to ill members

54. Charles H. White expressing appreciation for the letter that went from the Yearly Meeting last year to greet him in his illness, wished that a similar letter might go to Friends who usually attend and who are unable to be at Ocean Park this year - The Meeting approved and names will be handed to the clerk for such a letter of greeting to be sent.

Junior Y.M. visited.

55. Norman E. Trafton reported having had a very successful visit to the Junior Yearly Meeting. He is impressed with the foundation of Quakerism that is being laid as these junior Friends study Friends' ways and as they conduct their sessions in a Friendly manner.

Adjourned to Seventhday morning at 9.30.

Seventhday morning, Sixth Month 26th. Met at the appointed hour.

Junior Y.M. visit regular adult session

56. We welcomed the Junior Yearly Meeting as the members assembled for the worship period with us. Addressing himself to us all, Rufus M. Jones reminded the Meeting that there are very few perfect things in this world - One can count the number of really perfect things on the fingers of one hand. The most perfect thing in the world is a poem - The Twenty Third Psalm. All over the world this poem is known and loved - Every phrase is perfect and is a comfort and inspiration to people everywhere.

Our presiding clerk expressed the feeling of satisfaction we experience as we look forward to the visit of the juniors to this session. The recognized success of the junior group is a real tribute to Harold N. Tollefson for his untiring efforts in this work.

57. Anna Griscom Elkinton gave the Meeting a comprehensive review of the history and the objectives of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. Established in

Friends World Com. for Consultation names its many functions

1937 to promote better understanding and cooperation among the fifty four groups of Friends located in twenty six different countries. It seeks to encourage and strengthen the spiritual life within the Society of Friends; to promote a fuller knowledge of the world-wide nature of our Society. Also it seeks to develop a greater sense of loyalty and interdependance within the Society and a clearer recognization of the particular contribution of Friends as a whole with regard to major issues of the day. And, lastly, the fourth objective is to make better known the Spiritual Message of Quakerism through a continual out-reach to seekers.

We should like to add that already meetings throughout the world have been drawn into closer fellowship, one with another, because of the work of this committee, each realizing the untold value of the strengthening of the spiritual life within the Society and the unplumbed possibilities due to the untiring work of this Committee.

58. We are very happy to greet the clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, Harry H. Perry, who is in attendance with us.

Board of Care and Relief

59. For the Board of Care and Relief, Alfred Osborne, Chairman, presented the annual report. The Huntington Home has been well filled during the year with regular boarders and Laura A. Ellison has recently arrived at the Home for what may be an indefinite stay. The Committee suggests that since the Home receives supplementary aid from the S. W. P. Dixon Trust that it may be appropriate to legally change the name to the Huntington Dixon Home. The Treasurer's report has also been read. The matter of the former change of name has been referred for consideration to the S. W. P. Dixon Trust Committee. Many expressions of enthusiastic commendation has been expressed of the Home and of Mrs. Elliott the matron. The reports have been accepted.

(see PP 39. 40. 41 for formal reports in Printed Minutes)

60. The report of the committee on Sarah W. Pope Dixon Trust was presented by the chairman, Lindley M. Binford. The committee

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S N P Dixon Trust com. report

has endeavored to give careful attention to all the details arising in the care of the Trust, and the Meeting expressed appreciation for the work of this Committee.

(See pp. 41. 42 for report in printed Minutes)

Treasurer of Y.M.

61. The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, George W. Watkins, presented the Treasurer's annual report, reading a digest therefrom. The report was accepted subject to audit before being printed in the minutes. Many expressions of appreciation were extended for the faithful devotion and accuracy of the Treasurer - a contribution to the Yearly Meeting for which the members are continually grateful.

(Report of Treasurer pp. 43, 44. 45. 46. 47, 48. 49. 50 Printed minutes)

62. The report of the Board of Auditors showed a careful and thorough examination of the condition of all Yearly Meeting properties; and all accounts are in good order. The Meeting approved this report.

(report pp. 50. 51. 52 Printed Minutes)

Finance Com. recommendations in full

63. The eight recommendations of the Finance Committee for 1943 and 44 were read. The Meeting approved the first seven items and reserved the eighth - the appointment of George W. Watkins Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, for separate action. There was earnest discussion relative to the privilege and duty of participating in missionary work and in other constructive activities of the Five Years Meeting. In this work, Percy M. Thomas pointed out, we are partners with ten other Yearly Meetings. Each Monthly Meeting is encouraged to recognize this and to share in it as fully as possible.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee

1. The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of $ 1,350 be raised for Yearly Meeting current expenses during the year 1943-44, payable half on 11 mo. 1 and the remainder on 5 mo. 1, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not to exceed $ 1,350 in the aggregate as may be required before the money is received from the Quarterly Meetings.
2. That the Treasurer be authorized to make payments within the following appropriations:

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Five Years Meeting assessment for the year ending 3mo. 31, 1944	$ 235.
Printing and distribution of Yearly Meeting Minutes	600.
Entertainment of visiting ministers and other workers at sessions of Yearly Meeting	100.
Expense of holding sessions of Yearly Meeting in Ocean Park, 1943	100.
Sundry items of expense incident to sessions of Yearly Meeting	200.
For the use of Committee on Care of Vault and Records in Moses Brown School	40.
Minor expenses during the year	50.
Friends World Committee, American Section	25.
	$ 1,350

Finance Com. recommends

3. That the following apportionment of the $1,350 required to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses be adopted for the year 1943-44:

Percentages:

Rhode Island	18	Smithfield	11
Salem	20	Vassalboro	7
Sandwich	16	Dover	5
Falmouth	15	Fairfield	8

4. That the Quarterly Meetings be requested to instruct the Monthly Meetings to collect money for Yearly Meeting apportionments in season to be forwarded at the times above specified through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the clerks of the Monthly Meetings make record of such instructions and continue the subject on their records until report is made that the money has been forwarded.

5. That our local meetings give most serious consideration to the requirements of the United Budget and that determined effort should be made not only to raise the entire amount authorized by the Permanent Board in 2 Mo. last but that remittances be made as nearly as possible in equal monthly instalments.

6. That the Finance Committee be authorized to provide for the auditing of the Treasurer's accounts and that the treasurers of all committees handling funds for

(1. percentages raised in 1930, in some cases – 1936, in other cases 1940)

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the Yearly Meeting be required to have their accounts audited by such persons as may be approved by the chairman of the Finance Committee.

Conclusion of Finance Com. report

7. That the presiding clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the chairman of the Finance Committee, acting together, be given authority to approve the payment of charges for the entertainment of visiting ministers and others from a distance who attend the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

8. That George D. Wilkins be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee, Robert E. Owen, chairman

Treasurer appointed

64. George B. Wilkins is appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

65. An appreciation for the work of the clerks was expressed at this time.

66. Nominations presented in this session have been approved.

Report of Gospel Service Com. is received with appreciation

67. The report of the Gospel Service Committee has come before us and we are grateful for the care given to the morning devotional meetings by this Committee and especially for the inspiring Bible Half Hour as conducted by Cecil E. Hinshaw. His message on Jeremiah was pertinent and unique in its presentation and glowingly real to this war-torn world of to-day.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.
Seventhday afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

68. As part of the devotional period the clerk read the General Epistle of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity. It is a far-reaching message received in love by us and presented to the Meeting in real unity of spirit.

67. The Correspondence Committee has prepared the General Epistle to Friends Everywhere. This has been read and approved. We direct that it be signed by the

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clerks and sent on our behalf to Yearly Meetings and other organized bodies of this country and abroad as way may open. The epistle to Ram Allah has come in also and has been approved. We direct this letter signed and sent on our behalf. The Meeting appreciates the work of this Committee.

General Epistle and epistle Ram Allah ready.

70. Murvan E. Jones presented the account of the Young Friends for the year, and particularly the program of business and social interests of their current Yearly Meeting. The report of the Young Friends Board included a treasurers statement, and a minute prepared with careful thought following the discussion in this meeting regarding the reduction in the amount of money to be sent for mission work.

Young Friends Board reports

The Meeting expressed deep gratitude for the spirit of love that the Young Friends manifest and the care they use in thinking through the obligations of Friends in the Five Years Meeting.

71. Friends, inspired by the practical example of the Young Friends, approved of taking a collection at this time to supplement the Young Friends Project for the United Budget.

(see printed minute pp 54. 55. 56 for Report Board Young Friends activities)

72. The report of the American Friends Service Committee was given by Rufus M. Jones and [illegible] H. [illegible]. Comparing what the Service Committee was doing a year ago with its work this year, Rufus M Jones gave further news of the active groups staffing the many Friends' centers throughout the world - Emphasizing especially the center in China and the difficulty the A F S C had in procuring passports from the authorities in Washington for the young men who had been selected to go to China for Ambulance Work. Lisbon is an important port of contact and a center in Africa now claims the attention of the committee. The child feeding program for undernourished children in France which has been one of the major projects of the committee is still being continued. This is possible

American Friends Service Committee's verbal report

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because of the organization of about one hundred French workers who have been trained by the representatives of the Service Committee. They are under the supervision of executives from neutral countries. Unfortunately, however, available supplies of food have been nearly exhausted and no way has yet been found to replenish them. A considerable number of men have been released from the CPS camps for detached service — mental hospitals throughout the United States. This particular service is proving to be of the greatest practical help to the understaffed hospitals, and a source of satisfaction to the men performing this work.

CPS verbal report summarized

Winslow W. Osborne told of his experience in CPS during the year. He presented the camp director's point of view as well as that of his earlier observations of the men in camp. He believes in the work of the camps. The work varies; some aspects of it seem far less important than others. The men in the camps are not able to lead a normal life and they would like to have opportunities for a more significant service. Quoting from "Corder Catchpool" "the hardest punishment to an honorable man is the denial of an opportunity for service". Opportunities for service are being offered, and men are volunteering for this detached service in which they are able to work with people in a spirit of cooperation. In the camps the cross-section is exceedingly interesting. Many of the men, often not thinking as one would expect, champion causes which are indeed varied. The experiment in living together in CPS is a challenge not only to the directors but to each man in camp.

73. John Steere of Lansdowne Monthly Meeting, now in CPS No 32 added valuable remarks of experiences of the men at West Campton, regarding morale and the real value of living in the camp for a while. The relationship of the men in camp with the local Friends meetings in the area is of greatest importance. A tremendous impression is made on the men in camp when loving friendship is actually shown. John Steere suggests that each meeting adopt a camp and continue friendly fellowship with the men in camp; great things can come out of such a genuine friendship. The need

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for concrete information by the group challenges the men to form study classes in camp and real results are shown. The spirit of the men in camp, for the most part, is one of seeking, and of humble hope for an opportunity of something beyond the immediate present.

Russell Brooks rose to tell of the Gonic, New Hampshire, Meeting's happy experience in being close enough to West Campton to contact the men in CPS No 32, the fellowship is a help to all concerned.

74. George A. Selleck announced the New England Institute of International Relations to be held at Newton Center, Massachusetts from Seventh Month 5 to 14, 1943. The lectures and discussions will center around the outstanding issues which are emerging as men and nations plan for the coming peace.

75. The report of the Peace Committee with financial statement was next presented.

(See report pp. 58, 59, 60 printed minutes 1943)

76. The clerk called upon Percy M. Thomas who wished to leave with the Meeting a message of love and service. He reminded us that the spaces in New England are not so vast as in Nebraska, for instance. Yet the members come from miles to attend meeting in the western areas, Christian service is wherever we look for it. "With a great diversity Friends do have much in common."

77. Lindley M. Burford brought forward the recommendation of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee – the re-appointment of James A. Corey as Yearly Meeting General Superintendent. The Meeting approved wholeheartedly, and James A. Corey is appointed to the position for a year.

78. The changing of the name of Huntington Home to Huntington-Dixon Home meets with the approval of the D.W.P. Dixon Trust Committee, providing no legal phase in the will of the one who gave the Home prevents.

79. The drafts of the returning minutes were presented

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by the committee appointed for this service.

80. We desire to express to the Ocean Park Association our gratitude for the hospitality extended to the Yearly Meeting and its members.

We approve of holding the sessions of the Yearly Meeting for 1944 in Ocean Park, Maine, beginning the 21st of Sixth Month

81. We direct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,550 copies of the Minutes if this number seems required.

82. We are informed that 3 copies of the printed Minutes for 1942 have been certified by the clerks and placed on deposit in the vault of the Moses Brown School.

83. We instruct the clerks to make all necessary extracts from the minutes and to sign them on our behalf.

84. Organizations of the several committees and boards have been sent in.

85. For the information of the Yearly Meeting at large, the following Friends have served as its Nominating Committee for the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, being named to this

Nominating Com. service by the several Quarterly Meetings.

		For One Year	For two years
Rhode Island	:	Louisa White	Josephine H. Carr
Salem	:	Blanche R. Howland	Gertrude W. Osborne
Sandwich	:	Annie E. Rose	Jennie W. Gifford
Falmouth	:	Mary P. Ware	Lindley J. Cook
Smithfield	:	Susan L. Dow	Lucia A. Wheeler
Vassalboro	:	Mary W. Jones	Eva Pratt Owen
Dover	:	Lowell E. Roberts	Walter H. Wood
Fairfield	:	Eleanor C. Bailey	Emeline M. Hawkes

86. As we come to the close of the last day of business for the year, we wish to record the death of those of our

deaths during the year number who have left us since we adjourned last year:

Lucy Amy Hawkes age 97 years, an Elder — Winthrop Monthly Meeting; Sarah J. Swift of Worcester Meeting in her 97th year, Elihu Grant a former minister and member and missionary, Clarence D. Pinkham

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an Elder in Dover Monthly Meeting. Lindsay D. Jones age 91 years an Overseer in Boston Monthly Meeting, Annie May Cook an Elder in Westport Monthly Meeting, Roscoe E. Jones an Elder in South China Monthly Meeting, Daniel R. Jones age 83 years of Lynn Meeting, Asenath Wood age 85 years one of the founders of the Lynn Meeting, Edna B. Hutchinson Oak Street Meeting Portland, Charles A. Cobb Forest Avenue Meeting Portland, D. Abbie Rowe Amesbury Meeting, Flora E. Tuttle member of Durham Meeting, Mary Summerville of Lawrence Meeting. These Friends have held places of affection in our hearts and their service to their respective Meetings will be remembered and appreciated.

87. James F. Walker expressed the appreciation of the Friends from Philadelphia for the hospitality and friendship shown them while here.

88. Harold N. Tollefson reported that the sum of money collected during this session for the Young Friends project for the United Budget is $ 120.

89 The matter of creating a Stewardship Committee for the Yearly Meeting is left with the Permanent Board which meets tonight for action.

Adjourned to Firstday morning Meeting for Worship.

Firstday morning, Sixth Month 27th 1943.

After the public meeting for worship the closing minute was read by the presiding clerk.

closing
minute

90. We come now to the close of this Yearly Meeting with gratitude for our Heavenly Father's mercies.

We have been thankful for the counsel and comradeship of so many who have been able to gather here, although we were all involved in perplexing conditions concerning travel.

We have asked for guidance that we might go in right paths. We have sought humility and the spirit of unity in all our deliberations. We have sought courage that we may not falter in bearing witness, by word and deed, to Christ's way of life under all circumstances. We have prayed that our ability may be greatly increased for

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bearing the burden of the worlds suffering.

closing minute

Having completed the purpose of our gathering we now conclude, proposing, with Divine permission, to meet at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 21st 1944

Presiding Clerk

Helen T. Gifford, Recording Clerk

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Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

1. At the Two hundred and eighty-fourth annual session of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Ocean Park, Maine, beginning at 9.30 a. m. on Fourthday Sixth Month 21st 1944

2. As the Meeting settled into its opening sitting, Rufus M. Jones reminded us that this, the oldest Yearly Meeting in the world, was reorganized by George Fox in his remarkable visit to Newport in 1672. Many other distinguished Friends attended the Yearly Meeting through those early years; John Woolman, John Greenleaf Whittier and others added the inspiration of their presence to the sessions. However, we must live in the present and in the future and do all our work in the present and in the future. And quoting from the 25th psalm — "Lift up your heads, oh ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in". Rufus M. Jones further reminded us that this represents a great group of people marching — coming upon the doors of their sanctuary, they found the door too small for God to come in. We must expand the doorway if God is to enter in. James Wild offered a prayer that as Christ speaks to our condition may we hope for Peace and Power that will speak to the world.

3. The several Quarterly Meetings have named as their representatives the following persons:

Rhode Island Willis H. White, L. Ralston Thomas, Louisa White, Helen T. Gifford, S. Dean Jackson, Amy B. Hayden, Anna Foster, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth [illegible], [illegible], Margaret G. Sisson.

Maine Bessie M. Platt, Marie E. Chapman, [illegible], Alice Parkinson, [illegible] W. [illegible], [illegible] Ruth E. Spinney, Mary L. [illegible], [illegible] C. Smith, [illegible] Grace [illegible]. Alternates: [illegible] Ernest W. Chapman, James Wild, Elizabeth L. Peaslee.

Dartmouth Karl H. Erickson, Thomas A. Tripp, Joseph S. Hiller, Edward L. Macomber, Annie E. Smith, Annie E. Ross, Alice C. Gifford, Sophia E. Hawkes, Jennie W. [illegible].

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Falmouth - Grace W. L. Hawkes, Lindley J. Cox, Ella H. Parker, Frederick K. Parker, Mary F. Ware, Lucy E. Graham, Sallie D. Cox, Annie W. Weeks, Cora E. Wiggin, Hattie W. Thanks, Lindley M. Bradford, Persis J. Wall, Elizabeth E. Davis.
Alternates - John Richmond, [illegible] Friedman, Elizabeth E. Davis.

Smithfield - Harry Harrison, Susan L. Davis, Clara A. Hawkes, Lucia A. Wheeler, Agnes W. Harrison, Mabel A. Thayer, Grace E. McNamara, Ralph L. Taylor, Ella L. Taylor, Frank B. Tuttle, Caroline B. Tuttle, Elmer M. Thayer, Emma [illegible] Wheeler.

Vassalboro - Helen M. Estes, Ralph M. Jones, Mary W. Jones, Miriam E. Jones, Margaret Estes, Lewis E. Brown, Eva Pratt Brown, Lucy R. Whittier, E. Mae Brown.

Dover - Oscar G. Mutter, Walter H. Wood, Edna F. Wood, Russell D. Brooks, Grace E. Vickery, Flora B. Young, Barbara Richardson, Gwendolyn B. Corey. Alternate:- Edith L. Buffum.

Fairfield - Mary E. Jones, Mabel R. Whiting, Lillian W. Foster, Florence E. Bailey, Eunice E. Hawkes.

4. Representatives are directed to fill vacancies in their representation.

5. We are thankful for the presence among us at this time of Friends from other Yearly Meetings:
From the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity - Mary H. R. Williams, Elizabeth B. Jones, Douglas V. Steere, Dorothy M. Steere, Walter W. Haviland, Olive R. Haviland, Gertrude A. Hallett, William Brinton.
Visitors - From New York Yearly Meeting (Five Years) M. Helen Hase, Edith L. Rhoads -
From Indiana Yearly Meeting - Mark L. Davis.
From Baltimore Yearly Meeting - Harry T. Walters
From New England Yearly Meeting of Friends - Thomas T. Young, Florence B. Young.

6. Mrs. Lillian Jakeman, acting in her husband's stead extended a warm welcome to this Meeting from the Ocean Park Association. She expressed the hope that we may carry away with us the strength and inspiration so vitally needed in these critical times.

7. Information was given at this time regarding the Finance

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Committee and the Nominating Committee, and the establishing of a new Meeting at Wellesley, Massachusetts.

8. The names of superintendents of Evangelistic and Church Extension work, Missions and Bible Schools have been reported.

9. Estracts from the report of the Permanent Board presented by the clerk, Alfred Osborne, contained information and recommendations which were approved. Included in these is the information that [illegible] Watkins has felt it necessary to resign his long term of treasurership. The appointment of [illegible] for this office is recommended. Also the recommendation for the adoption of the $5,000 (five thousand) budget for 1944-45.

Estracts from the records of the Permanent Board

At a meeting of the Permanent Board held in Lynn Massachusetts Second month 22nd. 1944.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved:

A budget of $5,000. for the year 1944-1945 apportioned as follows:

Permanent Board report

$ 2,500 for [illegible] activities of the Five Years Meeting

$ 2,500. for Yearly Meeting purposes as follows:

$ 2,250. for Evangelistic and Church Extension Com.

100. for Board of Young Friends Activities.

50. for Committee on Public Morals -

75. for Committee on Bible School and Christian Education

25. for Peace Committee

Resignation of [illegible] Watkins

The resignation of [illegible] D. Watkins as treasurer of the Yearly Meeting has been reluctantly accepted.

During the past [illegible] years [illegible] D. Watkins has faithfully performed the duties pertaining to his office, involving a great personal sacrifice of time and effort.

His term of office has included years [illegible] with financial difficulties, and there has been a great increase in the amount of work required of our treasurer.

Receiving no remuneration whatever, he has given scrupulous attention to every detail, and his painstaking integrity has been an inspiring example to all.

The Finance Committee recommends the appointment of

Ernest C. [illegible] as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to serve for the unexpired term of George B. Walker. The Committee also recommends that a compensation of $25.00 per month be paid the incoming Treasurer for his services. Both of these recommendations are unanimously approved.

Submitted report of Permanent Board

Joseph L. [illegible] and Edward L. [illegible] are appointed to audit the accounts of the Yearly Meeting Treasurer for the year ending Sixth month 1944.

Charles H. White has called attention to the gift to the Yearly Meeting for Moses Brown School of certain real estate in Islesboro Maine (see minute No 43. 1943). This gift has been followed by a gift of the furnishings of the house, which the Permanent Board on behalf of the Yearly Meeting gratefully accepts.

Islesboro Maine property

The Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools is authorized to take such action as it may deem necessary relative to the exemption from taxes of the Islesboro property.

The sale of the Fall River Meeting House, which was authorized in 1942 has been accomplished with satisfactory agreements, which are fully stated in the records of the Permanent Board.

Fall River Meeting house sold

The setting up of the George A. Freeman - [illegible] Fund has been further considered, and is referred to the [illegible] Preparative Meeting Realty Trust.

At a meeting of the Permanent Board held at Ocean Park Maine Sixth month 20th. 1944

It appeared by a minute of the Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools that the Trustees of the Walter K. Jones Estate require legal [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting for the yearly payment to Ethel M. Jones of $480. in equal monthly instalments during her lifetime according to a settlement agreed to by all the interested parties.

The Committee requests and the Permanent Board recommends, that the Clerk and Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to sign five copies of the proposed orders, and that the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting submit these with a certified copy of the authorizing Minute.

Thomas Tripp reports for the [illegible] Preparative Meeting Realty Trust that substantial progress is being made in reducing the debt.

10. There was unanimous accord with the suggestion that the Meeting adopt a minute of proposed appreciation for the work of

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George L. Wilkins as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.
Follows the minute: (see p. 7 Yearly Meeting printed minutes 1944)

11. Further recommendation for the records of the Permanent Board reads: Excerpts from the minutes of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held Fifth Month 2nd 1944.
The following minute was specifically approved:
"The Trustees of the Walter R Jones Estate requires an authorization in legal form for the yearly payment to Ethel M. Jones of $ 480. in equal monthly installments from January 22, 1943 until the death of Gertrude Rickaby Jones (at which time the said annual payment will be made pursuant to the stated terms of the will) in settlement out of court of her claim. This payment is to be made only during the life time of Ethel M Jones." The Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School approves this procedure and recommends to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England that it authorize the Recording Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the Treasurer to sign the five copies of the minute authorizing the execution of the order to be submitted therewith".

legal authority to carry forward request - will of W. R Jones Estate for Ethel M Jones.

C. Ralston Thomas, Recording Clerk.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England approves the request and authorizes the Recording Clerk and the Treasurer to sign the necessary papers.

12. The Meeting discussed the items of the budget which seemed to some to be amounts too small for expanding work for the year. The matter of appropriations was satisfactorily left in the hands of the Finance Committee for further study.

13. The Clerk read the letter of resignation from the Permanent Board Clara A. Hawkes of Medford Massachusetts. She is mindful of the heavy burden carried by the Permanent Board and feels that since she will be unable to attend during the coming year, she would like to give place to another. Her resignation was granted and the matter referred to the Nominating Committee.

14. Robert L. James Jr. sends in a request to be released from the Public Relations Committee since he is no longer in New England. The Meeting approves of accepting his resignation and [illegible]

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15. It has been noted by the Recording Clerk that James A. Tower has satisfactory returning minutes from the following Yearly Meetings: Canada, North Carolina, Wilmington, Western, Iowa, Indiana and California. James A. Tower stated that he had been warmly welcomed everywhere. He went in the interest of the Special Travel Fund for our Missionaries and found a satisfactory response.

16. The Summary of the American Epistles was then read "Summary of the Epistles" (see p. 8 printed minutes).

17. A letter has been read from [illegible] Independent Meeting noting with satisfaction that [illegible] planned to attend this session, and expressing the Meeting's interest in the plan for uniting all Friends in New England into one body.

18. The Meeting at this time heard a letter read from Alice Whittier Jones. She greets the Yearly Meeting from Ramallah, Palestine, April 20th 1944. She compares the sudden bright sunset of a cloudy day with a promise of a glad tomorrow. "In this dark and gloomy world situation there comes an occasional golden gleam fore-casting a new day. We must not lose faith and patience".

19. Representatives are directed to meet at the close of the morning's business to name Friends to serve as clerks for the Year.

Adjourned to meet at 3.45 this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met at the appointed hour.

20. The reading of the epistles from [illegible] was continued as a part of the afternoon's period. The theme of those from the Yearly Meeting "A spirit for a new day" causes us all to pause in self-examination. Every period brings new problems and calls for new decisions and places upon us the responsibility of differentiating between essentials and non essentials." In our Meetings" they say "the new spirit is nothing more or less than the spirit of the Lord's Prayer. If we learn that prayer is not simply in words but in our daily living, we shall recognize God as our Father and it will lead us to treat all men as brothers."

21. Representatives have been named to fill vacancies.
Clerks named for the year are as follows:
Presiding clerk, Arthur [illegible]
Recording clerk [illegible] T. Binford
Reading clerks John E. [illegible], Louisa White
These names were approved.

Clerks for 1944.

22. Anna R. Hussey asks to be released from the Board of Care and Relief and Samuel E. [illegible] wishes to be released from the Permanent Board and from the [illegible] Committee. These requests are approved and referred to the Nominating Committee.

23. From the Chairman and the Treasurer of the Committee on Disbursements of Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund we have received and approved these reports: (see p. 10 printed minutes 1944)
Treasurer's report 12 mo. 31. 1943
"Since Second month 8. 1939 there has been a balance of $1.10 in the Savings Bank. There have been no receipts and no disbursements. Unexpended funds at this date amount to $ 185.98. Mary Hill Binford, Treasurer
Examined and compared with bank account and Savings Bank book and found to agree. [illegible] Hilles.

24. The reports of the Missionary Activities of the Yearly Meeting were next taken up, beginning with the annual report of the Missionary Committee and the departments which follow. (see printed minutes p. 11-12, 1944)

25. The report of the Womans Missionary Society presents an encouraging picture of the work of the year. It follows:
"The Womans Missionary Society of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England reports 13 auxiliaries with 165 active members and 1 life member. Of these Amesbury, Durham, Woonsocket and Worcester are credited as Standard Societies. [illegible] lacks but one credit of meeting the requirements.
The treasurers of these groups during the year have handled a total of $ [illegible]. Of this sum 870.56 was raised for Friends mission work, $567.05 was designated for the work of the American Friends Service Committee, [illegible].
The Treasurer of the Missionary Union received 206.25 as dues for active membership. Contributions were sent from

Ten auxiliaries to the Esther Baird Love Fund, the Jamaica Faith Fund, the Mountain Hope Fund and the Eliza [illegible] Fox Joy Fund. One society sent its entire contribution to Ramallah.

Since the question was raised of the Womans Missionary Union as to what our societies having been doing for the American Friends Service Committee, it should be noted here that in addition to the money contributed to the work of this committee many hundreds of garments have been made — the sewing groups, and countless sweaters, caps and socks have been knitted and sent abroad for war refugees. Worcester, for example, indicates having made 937 articles of clothing valued at $1220.30. Similar reports [illegible] of several of our groups had figures been requested on this department of their work. Many of their members have aided the Service Committee through other organizations.

Womans Missionary Society report

The books designated for the study of Home and Foreign Missions have been used by eight auxiliaries, seven reports having devoted at least three of their meetings to the study of Friends Mission Fields.

At mid-year meeting at Lynn — [illegible] [illegible] spoke concerning the "Entire Missionary Program, and its challenge to us in New England".

Continued interest in the Missionary Conference at Northfield is evidenced in the support of its activities and particularly in our own camp Friendly to which various societies regularly send their delegates.

Esther M. Snyder, Corresponding Secretary

Womans Missionary Society, Treasurer's Report
(see printed minutes 1944)

26. The annual report of the American Friends Board of Missions was presented in person by Merle L. Davis. He spoke of the financial status of the Board and analyzed the various items of the budget, explaining the duties of the Secretary of Stewardship and Finance. One duty is to raise the level of giving throughout the Five Years Meeting. He reminded the Meeting that Palestine will be emphasized as a country to be studied by all the Missionary Friends groups.

This is the fiftieth anniversary of the American Friends Board of Missions and the most important concern of the Board is the outlook for the future. The Christian Church is going to play a more and more important part in the history of our world. "It is not the government that determines the future. It is the

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people". "The Christian church can" for hope, faith, love and mercy and these are things greatly needed by the world". James A. Grey outlined the report of this Board by calling attention to those Friends missionaries who are abroad and who must be given an opportunity to return home, and other groups which are about ready to go out to certain Friends' fields. These many workers and teachers need funds for transportation. Particularly concerned with collecting the money for this purpose from various Quarterly Meetings. James A. Grey asked for suggestions for raising a stated sum for those Friends who are spending their lives in foreign service. Several suggestions were presented by members of the Meeting and a definite interest was shown toward raising this needed fund.

American Friends B. Missions report

Apportioned on the same percentages as the Yearly Meeting Expenses the Quarterly Meetings' share would be: Rhode Island - $90. Sandwich - $80. Smithfield - $55. Dover - $25. Salem $100. Falmouth - $75. Vassalboro - $35. Fairfield. $40.

The final suggestion of referring the matter of coordinating the many financial projects of the Yearly Meeting, including this particular concern for raising $500. for the Special "Reserve" Fund for Missionaries to the Finance Committee, was approved by the Meeting.

Rufus M. Jones referred to a book titled "Palestine, the Land of Promise" by W. C. Lowdermilk. A history of the soil of Palestine during the past two thousand years, it compares the early days of the country, when it was a land of milk and honey, to the great erosion of today. The book reports on a project now being worked on for reclaiming these waste lands so cultivation can proceed. This is of interest to Friends of this Yearly Meeting as our work in Ramallah has brought us close to this country.

27. Herman J. Lawrence presented the report of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs in the 75th year of its service. The appropriate slogan "Our 75th Harvest" lends a special note to this year's report. There is an encouraging advance all along the line in Indian Affairs, several projects have been completed this year which encourage the Committee in its work. The report names each mission field and tells of its progress. Eight members of the

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Junior Yearly Meeting helped Herman J. Lawrence to present a big map of the American Indian Nation; and they also pinpointed our missions as to exact location of the Indian groups that represent Friends' interest throughout America.

28. Gertrude W. Osborne brought to the attention of the Meeting the illness of Blanche R. Howland. The Meeting approved of sending her a loving message from this session.
Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Fifth-day morning, Sixth Month 22nd. Met according to adjournment.

29. Opening our devotional period, our presiding clerk read to us the London Yearly Meeting epistle. Again we find reference to "a new personal discipline", thus it is that Christ leads us forth from bondage, setting us free to do God's will. The needs of men and the demands of Christ remain unchanged. The world desperately needs men and women whose yea is yea and whose nay is nay. The testimony of our daily life still matters most. Our English Friends observe further that a "loving and more pastoral care should strengthen and uphold us all." "Only by unremitting personal tenderness may we achieve a sense of real fellowship and become in truth a Society of Friends."

London Epistle

31. Proceeding to the consideration of State of Society, we have listened to the reading of the reports on the Spiritual Condition from each of the several Quarterly Meetings. These have proved interesting. We note that Meetings are striving to maintain a deepening spiritual condition in spite of necessary changes in our community life due to war adjustments. The position of Friends relative to peace has not been upheld by as many members as we would wish, but an understanding and loving spirit has been maintained even though all do not see alike in this matter.

State of Society

Our Meetings hold a high place of respect in their communities and have welcomed opportunities to cooperate in activities of community and world interests. The need for individual consecration to the Way of Christ and the importance of maintaining Christian homes as a source of strength both for

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those at home and those who have been called from them to other locations of service is emphasized by many meetings. Although there has been a decline in numbers there are still encouraging rays of light for future growth.

31. Statistician's Report — Reviewing the years statistician's report the presiding clerk read selected items to the Meeting, giving an over all picture of the present membership which numbers 3101. Due to an apparent misreading by the Monthly Meetings of the questions regarding the reporting of those drawn by Selective Service it was decided not to publish these particular items this year.

32. Introducing the discussion on State of Society, James F. Marstaller gave the Meeting a glimpse into the spiritual condition of the men in C.P.S. He asked that a higher quality of spiritual leadership be supplied by qualified persons who could devote a substantial time to living in some of the camps and gaining understanding of the needs of the men.

33. The Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee report was brought before the Meeting. The report follows:

Report of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

Dear Friends:

State of Society under Evangelistic & Church Extension — The Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee has not held a meeting of the entire committee since last Yearly Meeting, largely because of travel limitations due to war demands. Recently sectional meetings have been held, one at Providence, Rhode Island and the other at Portland Maine. These were convenient for committee members and were very well attended. Errol T. Elliott, editor of the American Friend and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting was in attendance at both meetings and participated helpfully in our discussions. His wide range of contacts and knowledge enabled him to impress us with the importance of greater diligence in emphasizing spiritual values as we seek to stimulate greater interest in the work of the church.

Soon after our last Yearly Meeting, at the solicitation of the American Friends Board of Missions, we released James A. Grey, our superintendent for service under their direction. He attended seven Yearly Meetings besides our own for the purpose of soliciting a travel fund of $15000. to be used in the exchange of Missionaries as soon as travel conditions permit. Some of these have been long on the field carrying heavy overtime work without the possibility of furlough privileges. The Mission Board provided all travel expenses and we continued regular monthly salary payments.

Some of the details of the wide range of service accomplished by our Superintendent even in the midst of unusual and difficult conditions will appear in his report.

Respectfully submitted.

[illegible] M. Binford, Chairman.

34. Supplementing the report of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee, James A. Carey presented the report of the General Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting. The report was received with real appreciation and stimulated discussion regarding the types of meetings for worship. Each type has an appeal to its own membership and hope is expressed that all will be tolerant in sympathy and appreciation of the meetings under Friends' care.

35. The Junior Yearly Meeting representatives, Mary Lou Hutchinson and Sally Brown, presented a greeting for their session to this meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to members to visit the Junior Yearly Meeting, now in its fifteenth session.

36. We name Lelia D. Marsteller and Rufus M. Jones as returning representatives to carry our greetings to the Juniors.

37. In further consideration of State of Society a concern is expressed that some spiritual leadership might be used in the camp life of the men in CPS to help to steady the course of the men whose lives have been disrupted by the war.

38. Also a concern was expressed for opening closed Meeting houses and for more frequent meetings for worship in those localities where regular meetings are not being held. Sympathy was expressed for these concerns. Rufus M. Jones commenting on the flourishing condition of the Yearly Meeting when it was visited by John Henry Douglas in 1872, reminded us that

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we might be helpless with regard to the physical weather, we can control the currents of our spiritual weather and swing the weathervane in the direction of our own determination.

James A. Corey reminded us that good work was being done by members of our Meeting in other places and specifically called attention to one of our young Friends, Julia E. Marsteller, who is spending the summer in a student work camp project in Indianapolis, Ind.

39. Unanimous appreciation was expressed for James A. Corey and for his fine work during the year. Further words of appreciation were spoken for the invaluable help of his wife, Elsie F. Corey.

40 Introducing new business at this point, the presiding clerk brought before the Meeting a letter from the Friends Committee on National Legislation. We are requested to appoint two representatives from this body. The Meeting approved of asking the Nominating Committee to name two members for this service.

41. George A. Selleck was asked to speak on the "May Bill" which is now before Congress, providing for universal military training in peace time. He explained that militarizing our seventeen year olds youth may influence the whole course of their lives. He urged that Friends make their opposition to this bill known to their senators and their representatives.

42. The Nominating Committee presented names to complete several committees at this time which were approved.

Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

Afternoon: Convened according to adjournment.

43. After settling into a covering silence it was helpful to hear the message sent from the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity. We find the concerns laid before us in this epistle closely touching us and great sympathy is felt for those whose "heart searchings drive them down to that deepest place of contrition where each cries out for redemption from our sins, whose only hope is in rededication to God with whom all things are possible". We pray with them: "Dear Lord and Father of us all, as we face a world athirst and in pain, may we do so with unconquerable courage confident in the great power of Thy love. Help us,

we pray, to be the immediate and practical instruments of Thy love. Help us to lay aside the persons we were yesterday and to rise as men and women equal to the tasks that confront us."

44. The first business on the Calendar for the afternoon was the report of the Committee on Bible Schools and Religious Education. The Meeting listened to the Bible School statistical data presented by George R. Hutchinson and to his interesting report on Bible Schools. (see printed minutes Page 23-24 1944)

45. Appreciation is expressed to the Bible School Committee for the work done during the year and for their fine report of their speaker for the afternoon Reverend Hilda L. Ives D.D.
The resignation of Doris Murray was presented & accepted referred to
~~45~~ Nominating Committee.

46. Next the presiding Clerk called for the report of the Committee on the union of All Friends in New England. James A. Carey the chairman of this Committee, asked George A. Selleck, the Secretary, to present the report of progress. This consisted of the work done by the Committee during the year. The report can be found on
→ pages 25-26 1944 printed minutes. Consists of "Progress during the past year" and "Action Required of our Yearly Meeting now in Session."

union of All Friends in New England

47. A full discussion of the subject was invited by the Committee. Rufus M. Jones told of his joy in the progress made as he expressed the hope that we with enthusiasm "will follow the line".

The first recommendation as read was approved and referred to the Nominating Committee (to name three additional members to Continuation Com.)

The second recommendation regarding the legal changing of the name of the Yearly Meeting to New England Yearly Meeting of Friends is approved. We hereby authorize this change to be put into effect. We instruct the standing Committee, which is the Committee to confer with New England Yearly Meeting and Independent Meetings, to cooperate with the legal section of the joint Committee in taking whatever steps may be necessary for this purpose.

The third recommendation suggesting the adoption of a suitable minute by each Quarterly Meeting is approved.

The fourth recommendation regarding the closing "minute of the Yearly Meeting is satisfactory to the Meeting.

Further discussion followed. Consideration was given to the place

1944 The new Yearly Meeting might meets and some legal questions and other matters were discussed. Reference was made to the union of the three Monthly Meetings in Providence Rhode Island. It was stated that a satisfactory easy procedure had been worked out for the naming of Clerks and Committees and somewhat the same procedure might be followed regarding Yearly Meeting appointments. Determination of the status of all Yearly Meeting committees now functioning, has been referred to the committee in charge of Union of all Friends in New England.

re three R.I. Monthly Meetings union

48. It was left to the Committee on Arrangements to consult with the Ocean Park Association regarding facilities for next year.

Adjourned to 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Sixth day morning Sixth month 23d 9.30. Met according to adjournment.

49. The worship period was one of true Thanksgiving for the beauty of the earth in which we see and feel God's presence, His power, His gentleness, His peace -

50 The report of the Public Morals Committee was presented by the chairman Arthur Santmier. Details of the activities and plans of this committee are outlined in their report and attention is called to the poster exhibit and literature in the rear of the Temple. The poster contest, participated in by the young people throughout the Quarterly Meetings has stimulated serious thought by the membership. This project has proved so successful that it will be repeated next year. Encouraging words of commendation for the Committees work have been expressed. James A. Corey stated his convictions regarding immoral conditions in the world which he has observed. Discussion followed. The Meeting approved of the preparation of a statement of its position in relation to public morals - This matter was left in the hands of James A Corey and Arthur Santmier

(Report is found on pages 28 29, p.30 Printed minutes 1944)

51. We record the death during the year of our friends

Elizabeth Fry Dearborn of Falmouth Monthly Mtg.

Clara W. Mumford Falmouth Monthly Meeting. Nathan J. Allen of Windham Monthly Meeting. C. Oscar Cowell. China Me. Monthly Mtg. Luella E Jones. China Monthly Mtg. Frank W. Eaton Weare Monthly Meeting. Edwin Folsom of West Epping Monthly Mtg. Helena Proudfoot of Lawrence M. Mtg. Wilenia E. Tolleson Rhode Island Monthly Mtg Portsmouth. Phebe Jennie Gifford of Dartmouth Monthly Mtg. Their loss will be deeply felt by the

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members of the local Meetings as well as of their many other friends and fellow workers.

52 The report of the Committee on Education was read. The important work of this Committee is appreciated by the students helped by the loans extended to them and the Yearly Meeting accepts the report gratefully (see p. 31 printed minutes 1944)

Moses Brown school report presented

53. The report of Moses Brown School was read by L. Ralston Thomas, headmaster. Memorials to Lillian W. Simmons and to Sophia L. Pitman opened the report. Affection and admiration is expressed for both of these devoted former members of the School family. In the one hundred and twenty fifth year of the school we find a summer session introduced. The School has been fortunate in having an excellent permanent staff of well trained teachers whose work has continued throughout the year. The students program has been one of interest in widening activities, and a serious attitude toward the work assigned is evident.

The Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School requested the addition to the School report of a reference to the honor bestowed upon L Ralston Thomas by the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy.

School committee report of Doctor of Science degree conferred on L R.T.

The citation follows: In Tenth month L. Ralston Thomas was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences. In conferring the degree mention was made in the citation of his twenty years as Headmaster of Moses Brown School, his other services to the community and his kindly guidance which "has brought thousands of our youth to a better understanding of the true values of worthwhile living".

The Committee congratulates the Headmaster on the honor which has come to him and to the School.

Lincoln School report

Marion D. Cole, headmistress, read the report of Lincoln School, presenting a memorial to our dear friend Clara W. Mumford, in which is expressed deep love and appreciation for a long and devoted term of service. "Her interest in young people, her fairness in evaluating character and need, her many splendid qualities of heart and mind have endeared her to us and she will be greatly missed". The report assures us of an outstanding year for the girls both in the School and the community. A wholesome participation in projects outside the School has contributed to the girls sympathy and understanding of world citizenship. The

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high scholastic standards are maintained and the year's work has been one of unusual encouragement.

(report of both schools on pages 32, 33 – 41 printed minutes for 1944)

54 On behalf of Oak Grove School, Robert E Owen read the general account of the year's accomplishments. A full enrollment and an adequate faculty assured a fine year's work. Assignments for work on School projects met with wonderful response from the student body and the year's program has gone forward most satisfactorily. The School mourns the passing of Dr. [illegible] C. Diebert. Superintendent of the Eastern Maine General Hospital, in Lewiston, Maine, who has been a real friend to Oak Grove School (formal school report p. 41. 42. 43 printed minutes 1944)

Oak Grove school

55. Appreciation of the high grade of work of the Friends Schools is general in the Yearly Meeting and gratitude to the heads of these schools is expressed. A concern for a deeper religious training along with academic training has been presented by Walter W Haviland. Philip C. Gifford expressed his feeling that there was need for a change of emphasis in the entire educational program. less importance should be attached to material values and much more to the things of the spirit. The solution for this concern is laid upon us and we are asked to think about it constructively.

56. Nominations have been presented and confirmed for a number of the standing committees of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to Seventh day morning, 9.30.

Seventh day morning. Sixth month 24th.

57 Assembling with us, the members of the Junior Yearly Meeting, cheered us with their song. Again we are impressed with the unusual opportunity for the training for Christian Friendly lives that this yearly session provides. Here during the week the juniors catch a glimpse of a way of procedure and learn in a quiet Friendly manner some of the values that make for a helpful way of life. This Meeting feels that "as long as a little child comes in there is an amazing chance for life". The message to the Meeting in this opening period is that we must grow and finish our lives but we cannot complete our lives without God. May we be blessed by Him and grow in grace. Appreciation is expressed for those in charge of the junior group. A Telegram was received from Harold V. and Gladys G. Tollefson in Baltimore Md greeting the Yearly Meeting - including the juniors.

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58. The statement of the position of the Yearly Meeting in relation to Public Morals prepared by James A. Carey and Arthur Rantmer was presented at this time. The Meeting approves of the Statement and includes it in the records. It reads as follows:

Statement regarding to the statement on Public Morals

Assembled at Ocean Park Maine in the two hundred and eighty fourth session of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, we view with deep concern the inroads being made on society - especially youth - by the organized liquor, tobacco and associated interests.

Beverage alcohol and tobacco in its many popular forms, habit forming drugs and gambling in a variety of garbs, are sapping the physical, intellectual and moral vitality of our youth and are prime factors in the rapid growth of juvenile crime and vandalism which is now sweeping the country. We go on record as opposing these and kindred saboteurs of human life and spiritual strength and happiness. We appeal to Friends and other persons of good will! "The time demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands". Therefore let us lift up standards of sobriety, self control and sacrificial service; let us live the "more abundant life" and cultivate "that of God" which we find in every man.

59. For the Board of Care and Relief, Alfred Osborne presented the report for the year. The Huntington Home has need on the staff caring for the residents, the services of some person with a friendly sense of service. The Home is most comfortable and is well filled, however the demands on the staff are many. A financial account has been prepared by the Treasurer of the Huntington Home Ernest C. Ainsworth and the formal report of the secretary.

SNP Dixon Trust report
61. printed report

(These appear on pages 45-46 and Report of the SNP Dixon Trust on p. 46-47 printed minutes for 1944)

62. The Meeting approves of sending a note of sympathetic greeting to Clarence B. Mitchell, Ocean Park, Maine, whose wife died suddenly this week. We feel a close fellowship with Clarence B. Mitchell he has been our helpful friendly host for the many years we have met here and our hearts are tender toward him.

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The Treasurers report for the year has been read by the Treasurer E C Ainsworth

63. The Meeting is gratified that a man with the ability and character of Ernest C Ainsworth has been found to take the place of the retiring Treasurer George G. Watkins. The Treasurers report is approved.

Treas. Y.M. accounts

(report of Treasurer in full page 49-55 printed minutes 1944)

63 The report of the Board of Auditors shows a careful and thorough examination of the accounts of the Yearly Meeting which have been painstaking and accurately kept. The subjoined statement has been approved and accepted with the expression of real appreciation for the care given this important service. Signed by Joseph S. Diller. George T. Cates. Geo. G. Watkins

(appears in full on pages 55-56-57 printed minutes 1944)

64. Recommendations of the Finance Committee have been presented at this time. We adopt these recommendations item by item and instruct the several Quarterly Meetings to carry out the directions contained there in. (see p. 57-58-59 signed by Robert Owen printed minutes 1944)

65. Ernest C. Ainsworth is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

66. The report of the Gospel Service Committee has come before us. We are grateful for the care given to the morning devotional meetings by the committee and especially for the Bible Half Hour in charge of Douglas V. Steere. In the words of the committee to which we subscribe "his messages have been soul searching calls to adventurous living and Christ-like service".

67. Followed the report of the Stewardship Committee This report showed clearly that effective work has been done by our new committee as a result the level of giving in many of our Meetings has been materially raised and interest in Yearly Meeting concerns has been renewed.

(report signed by John C Gatchell chairman p. 59-60-61 printed minutes)

68. A letter to the RamAllah Monthly Meeting of Friends has been prepared and is satisfactory to the Meeting. This will be sent forward by the clerks. The Correspondence Committee has also presented a draft of an epistle to be sent as a message of this Meeting to Friends Everywhere. We appreciate and approve and instruct the clerks to sign it on our behalf and forward it to all organizations of Friends with whom we regularily correspond as well as to other Friendly groups whom we desire to greet in Christian love.

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The nominations read at this time were approved.

69. Adjourned to 3 oc this afternoon.

Seventhday afternoon. Met according to adjournment

70. The reading of the 1944 Epistle of the General Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Australia disposed the opening worship period. "We need to make time for prayer and meditation and the preparation by study and thought for our Meetings for worship, so that in the silence we may find God breaking into our lives, enlightening, uniting and inspiring us to go forward in faith and courage to meet the challenge of the times".

71. The Yearly Meeting Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee recommends the reappointment of James A. Carey as General Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting. The Meeting unanimously approves.

72. From the Nominating Committee comes the recommendation of the continuance of the name of Emma R. Hussey with others on the Board of Care and Relief. This is approved.

73. Miriam E. Jones presented the report of the Board of Young Friends' activities, with the Treasurers report. In this review of the full week's program the Young Friends express grateful appreciation for the contribution of the older Friends who have brought to them help and inspiration and instruction. The Round-Table discussion on the various forms of service in CPS was a highlight of the week.
(The report found on p. 62-63 printed minutes)

74. The account of the Peace Committee included the statistical data from the Monthly Meetings of our Yearly Meeting which has proved challenging. It emphasizes the need for a spirit of understanding, tolerance and sympathy toward both the young men whose conscience has led them to service in the armed forces, and to those, who with equal courage have been led to choose the difficult path of the pacifist. It emphasizes also the hope that our Society may one day become united in the expression of our peace testimony to a war-torn world. If we are really concerned Friends who are guided by the spirit there will be an area of good will around us. Only then will our work be fruitful, only then will we be artisans of peace.
(This very fine report of Fredericka Parks chairman is found in the printed minutes p. 64-65.)

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75. C.P.S The discussion regarding the spiritual guidance we are anxious to provide, as way opens, for the men in C.P.S. has led the Meeting to consider this subject further. It is approved that we ask the American Friends Service Committee to give this further consideration.

76. American Friends Service Committee An account of the work of the American Friends Service Committee for the year 1943-44 has been received. Mary Hoxie Jones supplemented the report by telling the Meeting of the close cooperation of the many departments of the Committee. We appreciate the many human touches which have been included in the description of the various divisions of this important Committee. We have also been given a panoramic view of the regular duties of the many secretaries and their assistants, and the work of the representatives who are going and returning from abroad. This has helped us to see more clearly the machinery and personnel that carries on this vast "Service of Love in War Time".

Rufus M. Jones continued with an outline of the work of the Committee during the past year. He brought us a graphic word picture of the famine among the distressed people of India. He told us how the Committee was asked by the government to take charge of sending food and medicine to India, and how after a careful survey of the situation the American Friends Service Committee has begun functioning in this regard. The Ambulance Service in China is a project carried out in cooperation with British Friends. The need for transporting sick people and the delivering of medicines is acute. The men dedicated to this sacrificial service are greatly loved by the people of China. The fourteen work camp projects, usually situated in communities where there is inter-racial tension, afford an opportunity for young people to participate in putting into actual operation new ideals for community cooperative living. Penncraft continues to be a vital experiment in cooperative living and Rufus M. Jones has told us of the healthful situation that exists there at this time, and of the interest of other organizations in this project.

Reference has been made to the Peace Section of the American Friends Service Committee and to ~~the~~ the International Institutes that are being held in this country as an educational feature of the Committee.

(Report as presented on p 66-71 signed by Clarence E. Pickett)
in printed Minutes 1944

77 We then turned to the reading of the report of the Friends World Committee for Consultation (American Section) which reminded us of the

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opportunities it has to shepherd the many meetings throughout the world, gathering all into a fellowship which gives a sense of interdependence in the world community of Friends. The Committee feels that an effective service can be given one to the other in this way.

78. Again we record our sincere gratitude to the Ocean Park Association for the hospitality extended to this Yearly Meeting.

79. We direct the Printing Committee to have printed and sent down to subordinate meetings 1,550 copies of the minutes of this Meeting.

80. We have been informed that three copies of the printed Minutes for 1943 have been certified by the clerks and placed in the vault of Moses Brown School

81. We instruct the clerks to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes and sign them on our behalf.

82. James A. Corey read a letter to the Committee on Arrangements from Adelbert M. Jakeman stating that the Ocean Park Association certifies that it will reserve the dates for Yearly Meeting in 1945 until the Committee on Arrangements can ascertain the plans of the Yearly Meeting for 1945. And will also reserve the dates for 1946 until plans are formed. Appreciation for this generous offer has been expressed by the Meeting. The Meeting also expresses its appreciation to the Committee on Arrangements for its work for this week's session.

83. The Meeting has generously expressed appreciation for the work of the clerks.

84. Organizations of the various committees and boards have been sent in.

85. For the information of the Yearly Meeting at large the following Friends have served as its Nominating Committee, being named by the several Quarterly Meetings from among their representatives to this meeting.

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Rhode Island	one year	Two years
"	Amy S Hayden	Louisa White
Salem	Gertrude W. Osborne	Florence M. Dolbeck
Sandwich	Jennie W. Gifford	Annie E. Rose
Falmouth	Mary P. Ware	Elizabeth Davis
Smithfield	Lucia A. Wheeler	Clara A. Hawkes
Vassalboro	Eva Pratt Owen	Mary W. Jones
Dover	Walter H. Wood	Elsie F. Coney
Fairfield	Emeline M. Hawkes	Eleanor C. Bailey

Adjourned to 10.30 on First day morning.
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After the public meeting for worship, the closing minute was read by the presiding clerk.

86. Closing message from the clerks

As we come to the end of our Yearly Meeting session we feel deeply enriched. We are grateful for warm friendliness and cheerful comradship. There has been a sharing of vital concerns. Inspired messages have spoken to our conditions. Our faces have been turned away from the turmoil and destructive forces of our distraught world, and we have seen and felt the spiritual forces that overcome the world. In seasons of stillness we have rededicated ourselves to implement those forces, and to live in unremitting personal tenderness, and forgiveness of spirit, patience, courage and awareness that there is that of God in every man.

Further progress has been made toward the completion of the union of all Friends in New England. We look forward with anticipation to the added strength and inspiration which will be gained by that union. We now adjourn, purposing, if consistent with the Divine Will, to meet at a time and place to be approved by the Permanent Board, as members of "New England Yearly Meeting of Friends" constituting within the framework of the corporate entities now known as "Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England" the reunited and consolidated yearly meeting.

Signed by Arthur Jones - Presiding Clerk
Helen T. Gifford. Recording Clerk

(Epistle to Friends Everywhere on following page No 270)

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Epistle from The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England 1944

To Friends Everywhere

Dear Friends:

We have been meeting this year in the two hundred and eighty-fourth session of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, and we have had a favored session together with refreshing from on High. This is our last gathering as the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, and we look forward to our union in 1945 with the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends; whose name we shall take. All other Friends groups in New England are joining in this new organization. As a united body of all Friends in this area, dedicated and consecrated to the principles on which our Society was founded, may we go forward together into a new day.

We have been reminded that we are Christ's Body. and that we are the creatures through whom God works. God "hath chosen to use our resources. to clothe with His power our frailty. to build His house on this little pebble that we give Them (Him)" says Phillippi Vernier. We. in turn. must strengthen our resources by drawing on the life and power of the living God.

There can be no question that the world of which we are a part is in the midst of a major crisis. The hour has struck for a profound examination of the basis of life. of civilization and religious faith. Despite the appalling sacrifices, we shall not get the new world of our hopes, whatever happens on the battle fields, unless we lay the foundations for the new world order on the solid ground of a great faith and vision. — faith in God, faith in Christ, faith in the living spirit operating here and now in our world, and faith in man and his immortal destiny. In view of these unmistakable facts confronting us we have had through our session this year, a deep sense of need of a vital awakening in our membership, a fresh breaking of a new spiritual life and a preparation from on High for our part — the work of rebuilding the world on nobler lines of life and power.

We are with love your friends,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Ocean Park, Maine, from the 21st to the 25th of Sixth month 1944

(signed) Arthur Jones Presiding Clerk

Helen T. Gifford. Recording Clerk